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United States Assay Office
New York April 25, 1861.

Sir,

You are already advised, by my letter of the 20th inst., that the Office of Assistant Melter & Refiner in this institution has become vacant by the resignation of Mr. Clarence Morfit.

I now enclose a letter from Mr. Kent, the Melter & Refiner of the Assay Office, with reference to the manner of filling this vacancy.

At the time of organizing this Office, it was deemed expedient to adopt a list of Officers corresponding to that existing at the Mint. Experience has shown, however, that, as respects the Melter & Refiner's department, no necessity exists for an Assistant Officer. I concur therefore, in the views expressed by Mr. Kent, and respectfully recommend that he be authorized to nominate a clerk, in lieu of the Asst. Melter & Refiner, at a salary of $1500.

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully,
Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of Treasury.

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United States Assay Office

New York April 24d 1861

Sir,

The office of Assistant Melter & Refiner having become vacant by the resignation of Mr Morfit, I beg leave to present the following subject for your consideration.

By the act of Congress establishing an Assay Office at New York, the Secretary of the Treasury is authorised to "appoint such Officers & clerks, and authorise the appointment of such assistants and workmen as shall be necessary for the proper conduct and management of said office" &c.

In my opinion an Assistant Melter & Refiner is *not* necessary for the proper conduct and management of this office, and as I am obliged to assume all the responsibilities, I prefer also to assume all the duties of the office pertaining to this department, provided that I can be allowed to have a clerk to be selected by myself.

The amount of bullion which is melted and refined in my department, varies from 20 to 30 millions of dollars per year.

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The responsibility attached to my office is therefore great, as I am personally responsible for this bullion while in my possession. The duties of the office are also great, and I am obliged to delegate some portion of them to a subordinate, and in justice to myself, I think that I should be allowed to select a clerk in whose integrity I have the fullest confidence. The Treasurer is allowed to select his own clerks, and for the same reason the Melter & Refiner should be allowed to select his. The argument, I hope, is not weakened by waiting for a suitable occasion to offer it.

I think that a salary of $1500. will be sufficient to command the services of a suitable person as clerk, and as the salary of the late assistant was $2000, a saving to the Government of $500. pr year will thus be made, without the slightest detriment to the public service. If from your experience and long personal observation as Superintendent of this Office, you think favorably of the proposed change, I trust you will present the subject to the Secretary of the Treasury, and ask his early decision in reference to it.

In this connection, I have great pleasure in stating that the late Assistant Melter & Refiner, Mr Morfit, has always performed his official duty with great ability and fidelity, and in the final examination of his accounts, and on re-weighing the bullion now in my vault, I have proved that my confidence in his integrity has not been misplaced.

Very Respectfully
Your obt. servant

Edward N. Kent.

Melter & Refiner

Saml. F. Butterworth Esq
Superintendent.

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United States Assay Office,
New York April 26, 1861.

Sir,

I am under the necessity of calling your attention to my resignation of the 5th ult., & of asking that I may be immediately relieved from my Official duties here.

The business of a Company, of which I have accepted the Presidency, requires me to visit California, & I had taken my passage by the Steamer of the 22d inst. I must now defer my departure till the next Steamer.

Allow me most respectfully to suggest that, if the Department is not now prepared to appoint my successor, you will at least enable me to close my Official connection with the Assay Office by appointing Mr. Dunning, my chief clerk, Acting Superintendent.

The necessity for my release is imperative; but I am anxious to guard against inconvenience to the Government or interruption of the business of the Assay Office.

I have the honor to be, very respectfully,

Sam F. Butterworth
Supt

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secy. of Treasury.

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4 WALL STREET, N. Y.

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NEW-YORK.

21 Dated N York Apl 30 1861.

Rec'd, Washington, 30 1861, o'clock, min. M.

To Hon S. P. Chase
Secty of Treasy

I leave for California tomorrow as I informed you by letter of twenty sixth shall Mr Dunning act as Supt or shall the office be closed please telegh—

Ansd

J. F. Butterworth
Supt. U. S. assay Office

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United States Assay Office
New York May 2nd 1861

Sir.

Your telegraphic despatch of the 30th ult. to Mr Dunning, authorizing him to act as Superintendent of this Office. was not received till the morning of yesterday. If the state of the Telegraph had permitted my learning your decision earlier, I should have taken my departure for California by yesterday's Steamer, in accordance with my previous arrangements. In the uncertainty in which I found myself as to your having even received my communications, I deemed it my duty to defer my departure until the Steamer of the 11th inst.

Mr Dunning entered upon his duties as Superintendent yesterday.- In now closing my official connection with the Government, it gives me great pleasure to testify to the skill and fidelity of all the Officers and clerks with whom I have been so long associated.- You will permit me also to say, with regard to the appointment of Mr Dunning as Acting Superintendent, that it is one which will give entire satisfaction to the public. and especially to the

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financial community, who best know and appriciate his capacity and worth; and I cannot but hope that he may be continued in a position for which he is so well qualified, and in which he would be so useful both to the Government and the public.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.,
Sam F. Butterworth

To
Hon. Salmon P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury

U. S. Assay Office
New York May 7, 1861

Dear Sir,

What am I to do? The Sec. of Treas. is pleased to authorize me "to act as Supt. of the Assay Office till further orders". I do all in my power, *as you know*, to keep the matter quiet. The Journal of Commerce, seizing this opportunity to laud Mr. Butterworth, announces the matter as an *appointment*. Other papers repeat the announcement.

I am troubled by the thought that Mr. Chase may deem *me* capable of trying to manufacture capital for myself in this way. You know better; & I wish that, if you deem the matter of enough importance, you would tell him so.

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May 14, 61.

Sir,

I venture to suggest the propriety of your giving authority to the Assistant Treas. at New York to receive, in payment for the Government Loan, outstanding receipts of the Assay Office having memorandums of value attached. This measure would be attended with the following advantages:

1. Great relief would be afforded to Bankers and Bullion dealers. – You are aware that for every deposit of bullion at this Office a receipt issued which is made payable to the order of the depositor. Subsequently a memorandum of value is issued, which, attached to the receipt of corresponding number, gives it a negociable character. These receipts are payable in the order of their numbers. Formerly, under the Act of May 23, 1850, a "Bullion Fund" was provided by the Government for the express purpose of enabling it to make prompt payments to our depositors. In the absence of such a fund depositors are now compelled to wait until their bullion

United States Assay Office
New York May 8, 1861.

Sir,

On the morning of the 1st inst. I had the honor to receive from you a telegraphic despatch, dated April 30th, authorizing me to act as Superintendent of this Office until further instructions.

I have deferred an acknowledgment of your despatch in the daily expectation that it would be followed by an official letter. I deem it my duty, however, now to inform you that since the 1st inst. I have been acting as Superintendent, and also to express to you my thanks for the confidence implied by this provisional appointment.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.,
Geo. F. Dunning.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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United States Assay Office
New York May 14, 1861.

Sir,

I venture to suggest the propriety of your giving authority to the Assistant Treasurer at New York to receive, in payment for the Government Loan, outstanding receipts of the Assay Office having memorandums of value attached. This measure would be attended with the following advantages:

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shall have undergone the necessary operations of parting & refining at this Office, & been sent to the Mint at Philadelphia for coinage, & the coin returned to this Office. The delay thus occasioned now exceeds a month, but is daily becoming less rather than greater. The amount of unpaid Assay Office receipts now outstanding exceeds $6,000,000. These receipts are mostly held by the Banks & Bankers of this city; and you will readily see the advantageous effect to them of the measure I have proposed.

2. This measure would tend to facilitate the taking of the Government Loan, by immediately adding six million dollars to the active capital of the Bankers & Bullion dealers. Parties holding these receipts who did not propose to subscribe for the loan themselves would readily dispose of them to those who would subscribe. The ability of the community to take the loan on favorable terms would clearly be enlarged, by making available so large an amount of specie

which is now in a measure dead capital.

3. The business of the Assay Office would be greatly relieved. The receipts paid in to Mr. Cisco on account of the loan would be redeemed from time to time in aggregate amounts, instead of being pressed for payment daily by impatient depositors in detail.

4. A very considerable saving of expense might be effected for the Government. The transmission of bullion & coin between this Office and the Mint is now made by contract with the Adams Express Co. at 50 cts. per $1000 of gold, and $1.50 per $1000 of silver, each way. - The return from the Mint to this Office of six millions of gold alone would cost the Government $3000. The disbursements of the Treasury will require very large amounts of specie at points south of Philadelphia. As matters now stand the Government is bringing large amounts of coin from the Mint to New York at a cost of $500 per million, & then sending the same coin back again to Philadelphia en route for Washington or other points south. Two unnecessary transits are therefore made

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both of which would be avoided by the measure which I have suggested. If the six millions of outstanding Receipts should be received on account of the loan, that amount of Coin, as fast as required by the Government at Philadelphia or further South, would go from the Mint at once, and the expense of transit to New York & back again, – amounting on this sum to $6,000, – be saved. If any portion of it were in silver coin, the saving would be greater.

The effect of this measure would of course be the assumption by the Government of the delay now borne by individuals. This delay would not probably exceed 30 days on any part of the six millions, while on a considerable portion it would be much less. This, it is presumed, would be of little moment to the Government.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.,
Geo. F. Dunning
Acting Supt.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Sec.y of Treasury.

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United States Assay Office,
New York, July 16. 1861.

Sir,

I respectfully request attention to the requisition presented by me early in the month for $25,000 out of appropriations for the support of this Office. No draft for this amount has yet been received by our Treasurer, Mr. Cisco.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.,
Geo. F. Dunning,
Acting Supt.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington,

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United States Assay Office
New York Sept. 19, 1861.

Sir,

Your letter of the 16th inst. to Mr. Cisco, enclosing the affidavit of J. Wesley Osborne as to the disloyalty of Peter Buckhout, has been placed in my hands, – Mr. Buckhout being one of the workmen of the Assay Office, and not an employé "in the Office of the Sub-Treasurer", as alleged in the Affidavit.

Heartily concurring in the sentiment of your letter, I have lost no time in acting upon it as though addressed to myself, and have this day dismissed Mr. Buckhout from the employment of the Government. – He asserts his loyalty in the most earnest manner, & declares his readiness, if need be, "to shoulder his musket" in defense of the Government. My opinion is that, while he cannot be justly charged with any treasonable purposes, his partizanship is of so intense a type that he is habitually abusive of the Administration; and that he lacks the intelligence to see that

Supt.
U.S. Assay Office

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this is not only indecent, but that it is, in these times giving aid and comfort to the enemy.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.,
Geo. F. Dunning,
Acting Supt.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase,
Secretary of Treasury.

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Believing that the disgraceful ordinances of the Dark ages of European civilization for legalized coin-clipping will not be revived by a Northern Congress in the adoption of Hon. R. J. Walker's proposition to abstract enough gold from the half-eagle to reduce it to the value of a British sovereign, a measure that would permanently injure the industry of the North & West three per cent for the benefit of English bankers & manufacturers and raise the mint par of English Exchange to 112½ per cent instead of reducing it to 100 as erroneously claimed, I do not send this abstract to the congressional Finance Committees as intended. Should the debasement bill pass unexpectedly you could return it with your objections, as calculated to discredit our national character. An analysis of the votes by which the following debasement bills have passed will show that the champions of Southern and British interests enacted them at the expense of Northern free labor interests.

Respectfully
your Ob. Servt.
Robt. A. Maxwell
1032 Chesnut St
Philada

His Excellency
A Lincoln
Pres. U.S.
Washington D.C.

Synopsis of the Laws of the United States in relation to the Coinage.

Coins of the United States.

The first act passed in pursuance of the power to regulate the coinage vested in Congress by the Constitution was that of April 2. 1792. By this Act there were to be struck and coined at the mint from time to time three species of coin, Gold Silver and copper.

The following table shows the denominations and weight of these coins as provided for by the Act.

Gold.

Denominations	Weight. Grains of	Gold.
Eagles	247 4/8 pure	270 standard or alloyed
Half-eagles	123 6/8 "	135 "
Quarter-eagles	61 7/8 "	67 4/8 "

Silver

Denominations.	Weight. Grains of Silver.	
Dollar*	371 4/16 pure	416 standard
Half-dollar	185 10/16 "	208 "
Quarter-dollar	92 13/16 "	104 "
Dime	37 2/16 "	41 3/5 "
Half-dime	18 9/16 "	28 4/5 "

* The dollar to be of the value of a Spanish milled dollar as the same was then current.

Copper.

Denominations	Weight. Pennyweight of Copper.
Cents	11.
Half-cents	5 1/2

The proportional value of gold to silver in all coins current by law in U. S. to be as 15 to 1, according to quantity in weight of pure gold or pure silver; so that every 15 pounds weight of pure silver should be of equal value in all payments with 1 pounds weight of pure gold & so in proportion.

~~The Act of May 19. 1828 provides, that "the brass troy pound weight procured by the minister of the U. S. at London in the year 1827 for the use of the mint...... shall be the standard troy pound of the mint of the U.S. conformably to which the coinage thereof shall be regulated."~~

The Act of January 18. 1837. made the standard for both gold & silver coins such that of 1000 parts by weight 900 shd be of pure metal & 100 of alloy. The alloy of silver coins to be copper - of gold, copper & silver, the latter not to exceed one half the whole alloy.

The following table shows the lterations made in the weight of the gold nd silver coins by the Act of Jany. 18. 1837.

Gold.	Grains	Silver	Grains
gles	258	Dollars	412 1/2
lf "	129	Half "	206 1/4
arter "	64 1/2	Quarter "	103 1/8
		Dimes	41 1/4
		Half "	20 5/8

ingots of gold to be used for coinage ich the quality differed more than ooths + none of silver which quality ifd more than 3000ths, from gal standard.

Deviations in adjusting Weight, not to exceed

In Single Pieces	Grains
Gold coins	1/4
Copper "	1 in a pennywgt.
Dollars Half "	1 1/2
Quarter "	1
Dimes Half "	1/2

In large numbers.
2 Pennywgts. in 1000 Eagles
1 1/2 " " 1000 Half "
1 " " " Quarter "
4 " " " Dollars
3 " " " half "
2 " " " quarter "
1 " " " Dimes
1 " " " 1/2 dimes

The above act made the gold and lver coins of the above weight, as well as former ilver coins, and gold coins coined since July 31. 1834, legal tender for all sums whatsoever.

The following table shows the lterations in relation to deviations from the standard weight of gold coins by Act of Mch. 3. 1849.

Deviations in adjusting Weight not to exceed

In single pieces	Grains.
ouble Eagles * agles alf-eagles	1/2
uarter-eagles ollar *	1/4

In large numbers			
3 pennywgts.	in 1000	double Eagles
2	"	"	Eagles
1 1/2	"	"	Half "
1	"	"	Quarter "
1/2	"	"	Dollars

* Authorized by same act.

The Act of March 3. 1851 authorized the oining of three cent pieces;

Composed of	Weight. Grains.	Deviations in adjusting Weight not to exceed: In single piece	In large numbers
3/4 Silver + 1/4 Copper.	12 3/8	1/2 grain	1 pennywgt. in 1000 pieces

A legal tender for all sums of 30 cents and under.

No ingots to be used whose quality differ ed more than 5000ths from the legal Standard.

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The Act of Feb. 21. 1853 altered the weight of the silver coins under the denomination of a dollar, as follows—

Half dollar to 192 grains

Quarter " } to } 1/2
Dime } to be } 1/5 } of the weight of the half dollar.
Half " } } 1/10

This act made the above coins legal tender only for sums of not exceeding $5= also authorized the issuing of $3- pieces.

The Act of Mch. 3. 1853 altered the weight of the 3 cent piece to 3/50 of the weight of the half-dollar as above.

The weight of the cent was altered by Act of Feb. 21. 1827, to— 72 grains or 3/20 of 1 ounce troy— no greater deviation than 4 grains in each piece— To be composed of 88 p.c. copper and 12 p.c. nickel.

This act caused the half-cent to cease.

By Act of Mch. 2. 1799 the pound sterling of Great Britain is estimated at $4.44.

By that of 27 July 1842, the pound sterling is deemed equal to $4.84 in all payments by or ~~to~~ to the treasury whether made here or in foreign countries and in appraising merchandise imported where the value is by the invoice in pounds sterling.

Reports upon Weights & Measures by Secretaries Jefferson & J. Q. Adams.

Mint of the United States.

Philadelphia January 1. 1861.

Sir:

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of yesterdays business exhibited the following balance in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

In Gold Coins.	$111,008.50
In Silver Coins.	16,751.04
In Cent Coins.	13,952.46
In Ordinary Fund.	5,557.57
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	376.75
	$147,646.32

corresponding with the balance as stated upon his Books of account.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence, that the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

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I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Philip F. Thomas,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, January 5, 1861.

Sir:

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, San Francisco, of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 30th of November last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon Philip F. Thomas.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala. December 10th 1860.

Sir,

In conformity Treasury Circular of December 18th 1854. I have the honor to report that upon examination and count, I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch, on the 30th day of November 1860. the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty One $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars ($457.881,12) and that there is to the credit of this Branch, the sum of One Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Eight $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars ($1.188,56) on deposit at the Mint at Philadelphia, making a total of Four Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand, Sixty Nine $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars ($459.069,68) which amount corresponds with the balance as exhibited by the Books of the Treasurer of this Branch on that day.

I have the honor to remain,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas. H. Hempstead
Superintendent

Hon Howell Cobb,
Secty. of the Treasury,
Washington City
D.C.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 5, 1861.

Sir,

I beg to re-call your attention to my letters asking for the usual draft for the amount of one quarter's appropriation for the support of the Mint, and to express the hope that it will suit the convenience of the Department to cause it to be forwarded without further delay.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Philip F. Thomas.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, January 10. 1861.

Sir,

I have received your letter of yesterday enclosing a copy of a memorandum from the Austrian Minister to Congreſs, and asking me to report the value in U. S. currency, of the new Florin of Austria.

In making computations at the Custom house the Austrian Florin, by the act of Congreſs of May 22, 1846, was valued at 48½ cents, corresponding to the value of that coin as ascertained at the Mint. But, by the change in the Mint value of silver, consequent upon the passage of the act of Congress of Feb. 21, 1853, (Mint pamphlet 42), the florin in question (half of the rix dollar) is valued at 50.65 cents (see Mint report of Nov. 3. 1860, p. 38). This of course refers to the florin iſsued prior to the 1st of November 1858. By the same report it will be seen that the "new union dollar", of Austria, agreeing with the new coin of Prussia, and with the double thaler of other German states, is valued here at 72 cents.

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I am not able to state the mint value of the new florin because none has been received for assay. and because also there is no statement as to the relation it bears to the new Union dollar. We have however, information from the Consulate of the U. S. at Vienna, under date of June 6. 1859. in response to a circular from the Treasury Department, that "the value of the American gold dollar is two florins, ten Kreutzers; but whether legally or commercially is not mentioned. This would make the florin equal to $46\frac{2}{13}$ cents, a very near approximation to the figures stated by the Austrian Ambassador, $46\frac{19}{100}$.

Since the passage of the Act of 1853 making gold the *money* of the United States and silver only "*change*", there is a difficulty in stating the value of a *silver* coin as compared with a gold coin. But from what has been mentioned the Ambassador will doubtless be able to ascertain what is the value of the new florin, as he will no doubt know what relation it bears to the "new union dollar", which as before stated is worth here 72 cents.

If we can be furnished with one or two florins, we will assay them here and report to the department their mint value.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Hon Philip F. Thomas,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Jan. 21. 1861.

Sir,

As the time is drawing near when the usual Annual Assay will be required to be made at the Mint, I have the honor to request you to call the attention of the President, to the necessity of his designating Special Commissioners for that duty, as is required by the 32nd. Section of the law establishing the Mint, approved Jan. 18. 1837.

The Commissioners will assemble at the Mint on the 11th prox; to make the trials required by law respecting the coinage of the United States, and the accuracy of the weights used in the transactions of the Mint.

It has always been the custom for the Director to suggest the

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names of suitable persons to perform these duties. In accordance with this usage I suggest the following persons to the consideration of the President, namely,

X Dr. John Maclean, President
of the College of New Jersey.
Prof. J. T. L. Preston.
Lexington, Kentucky.
Joseph Saxton Esq.
Washington City.
Rev. Cyrus Dickson, D.D.
Baltimore Md.
Dr. George W. Norris,
Philada.
Prof. B. Howard Rand M.D.
Philada.
Capt. J. Gorgas U.S.A.
now at Frankford, Penna.

The number of the special Commissioners is not limited by law; it is usual however to appoint five, six or seven.

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I have the honor to be
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Hon. John A. Dix,
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, January 21. 1861.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a quarterly statement of the expenditures at the Branch Mint, Dahlonega. Ga. for the quarter ending 31st. ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon John A. Dix.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington City.

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Branch Mint U.S.
Dahlonega Ga Jan 7 1861

Dear Sir

I have the honor to present a quarterly statement of the Expenditures of the Branch Mint Dahlonega Go for the Quarter ending 31st Decr 1860.

Viz —

Expenditures in 4 Qr

Incidental & Contingent Expenses	160,30
Wages of Workmen	720,00
Salaries of officers	1500,00
Total	$238030

I have delayed, this report waiting for the draft - which has not yet arrived.

I have the honor to be
very respectfully

James R Snowden Esq
Director U. S. Mint
Philadelphia

Geo Kellogg
Supt

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Jan 26, 1861.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, N.C. of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st ulto.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon John A. Dix,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Statement

Of the Financial Condition of the Branch of the United States Mint at Charlotte, N. C., on the 31 day of December 1860

	DOLLARS.	CENTS.		OZS.	DEC'S.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
To amount due Depositors,	2639.	90	By Gold Coin in Treasurer's Vault,			6788.	25
" " United States Deposite to purchase Metal for coinage,	32.000	00	" " Bullion " "	764.	488	14.222.	98
" " gained by deductions from Deposites in profit and loss,			" Silver Coin " "			2069.	75
" " " " charge for Coinage,			" " Bullion " "	10115.	197	11.770.	80
" " " " accumulations of Silver,			" ~~Gold " M. and Refiners~~ " (Assay Coins)			160.	00
" " due Treasurer United States	371.	88	" Silver " " "				
			" Gold " Coiner's "				
	35011.	78		10879.	685	35.011.	78

Respectfully submitted,

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT.

W. F. Strange **Clerk.**

I certify that the above Amounts and Statement are accurate from an examination made by me this day.

TO THE DIRECTOR, PHILADELPHIA.

G. W. Caldwell **Superintendent.**

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, January 26. 1861.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint New Orleans, of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st. ult°: also, a quarterly statement of the expenditures thereof, for the quarter ending on that day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect.
Your faithful servant.
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon John A. Dix
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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United States Branch Mint
New Orleans, December 31. 1860

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination at the Branch Mint, at the close of business today exhibited the following balance in the hands of the Treasurer:

In Gold Coins	$	75.944.91
" Silver "	"	162.820.89
" Cent "	"	211.83
" Ord.y Fund	"	4.013.26
	$	242.990.89

corresponding with the balance as stated upon his Books of account.

An examination into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care & ability.

Very respectfully
Wm A. Elmore
Superintendent

Hon. P. F. Thomas,
Secy of the Treasury
Washington.

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Dr. The Mint at New Orleans, Cr.

G 1837.

				Dollars		cts
1860						
Dec.	31	To	rec'd to date	389	267	46

Mint, New Orleans

i Decr. 31st. 1860.

A J Guirot

Treasurer.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Feb. 23. 1861.

Sir,

Since making my communication to you of the 18th inst. I have received a copy of the ordinance of the Convention of Louisiana under which that State took possession of the Branch Mint of the United States at New Orleans. I enclose a copy of this ordinance, and of the letter of William A. Elmore Esq. the Supt. which accompanies it.

As we learn from this officer "that every thing is now done in the name, and by the authority of the State" (of Louisiana) it is to be expected that the ~~working~~ coining dies will be returned to us, inasmuch as they have on them the heraldic emblems of the United States, and the legend "United States of America" engraved upon them. I hope the Department has favorably considered the suggestions I had the honor to make in my former communication, namely that ~~the~~ a reclamation of the dies be made, and the public informed that the coins struck at New Orleans in the year 1861 are discredited by the government of the United States, and are not a legal tender in payment of debts.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant

James Ross Snowden.

Hon John A. Dix. Director of the Mint.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

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An Ordinance

Relative to Federal laws and Officers in the State of Louisiana at the time of the passage of the Ordinance of Secession.

Be it ordained by the People of Louisiana in Convention assembled, That all Federal Officers in the Civil Service of the United States and laws of the United States relating to said Federal Officers and their duties and Compensation within the State of Louisiana in Office and in force at the time of the passage of the Ordinance of Secession, and not incompatible therewith are hereby adopted and Continued in Office and in force as Officers and laws of this State.

Provided that this ordinance shall not apply to the officers of the Judiciary Postal or Land departments of the Government of the United States or the laws regulating the same.

Be it further ordained That the revenue Collection and Navigation laws of the United States, so far as they may be applicable be and they are hereby adopted as laws of this State saving that no duties shall be Collected on imports from the States forming the late Federal Union, Known as the United ~~States forming the late Federal Union, Known as the United~~ States of America or the territories thereof nor upon the tonnage of vessels owned in whole or in part by the Citizens of the said States and territories.

Be it further ordained. That the President of this Convention is hereby authorized to require of all Federal Officers aforesaid in the Parish of Orleans the immediate recognition by them of the sole and exclusive authority of the State of Louisiana, and to administer to them the oath of Office, and in Case of refusal, to demand and take possession of all the property money, effects, papers and documents held by them in their Official Capacity and the like authority is hereby Conferred on the Governor as to all Federal Officers aforesaid in the State; and the Offices of such persons as refuse to hold the property money and effects in their Custody subject to the disposal of the State, and to take the Oath of Office, are hereby declared vacant.

Be it further ordained That the State of Louisiana doth hereby guarantee and indemnify all Federal Officers aforesaid within this State, who Comply with the Ordinances of this Convention against all claims and demands of the United States arising out of such Compliance.

Be it further ordained That in case any Federal Office hereby adopted as a State Office be now or shall become vacant the Governor be and he is hereby authorized to fill the same in the same manner as the President of the United States, or the head of any Department of the United States Government might have done prior to the passage of the Ordinance of Secession. That the Governor shall have authority to remove any Officer now holding a Federal Office in this State if he shall consider the said removal conducive to the Public interest.

Adopted in Convention in the City of New Orleans this Twenty ninth day of January in the year of our Lord Eighteen hundred & Sixty One.

Signed A. Mouton
President of the Convention of the State of Louisiana

Certified a true copy from the original
Francis Boimare
Chief Enrol'g Clerk.

New Orleans
Feby 12th 1861

Sir

I enclose you a copy of the ordinance of the Convention under which, the State of Louisiana took possession of, and is carrying on, the operations of the Mint, thro' its old officers, precisely as was done, before secession, - except that every thing is now done, in the name & by authority of the State.

The Bullion fund is retained in the Mint, & used as originally designed, & is not to be diverted to any other purpose.

Very respectfully &
truly - Wm A Elmore

Hon Jas Ross Snowden
Director Mint
Phila

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Office of the Assistant Treasurer U. S.

New Orleans, January 26th 1861

Balances, to the Credit of Disbursing Officers.

	$			$	
eauregard G. T.		01	Forward	99.891	67
urnet W. E.	1050	"	Minter J. F.	407	12
liss Z. R.	6	"	Moore S. P.	"	"
lair W. P.	17.165	"	McClure D.	2190	13
rown N. W.	"	"	Montgomery A.	708	90
onet F. A.	993	85	Major J. P.	170	09
ooper S. M.	4	29	Moreno F. J.	810	49
losson H. W.	1.695	54	Morrow J. A.	2191	98
osby G. B.	58	02	Maclin S.	26.464	35
hilton R. M.	345	"	Meigs M. C.	17.943	55
unningham F. A.	2.975	95	Morris L. O.	669	50
abell W. L.	5220	"	McFarland W.	571	08
unningham G. A.	2,900	"	Owens W.	2	"
alton S. W.	633	18	Powell J. E.	576	"
avis M. L.	1404	48	Phillips E. D.	200	"
unyea R. C.	205	06	Penn A. G.	"	"
y J. B.		10	Prime F. E.	1275	55
llen A. C.	1844	34	Read E. W. H.	1040	62
raham W. M.	10	"	Reynolds A. W.	17	48
ugson J. B.	33.106	03	Smith A. J.	13.485	27
lunt E. B.	15.000	"	Stanley D. S.	4	40
atch F. H.	5.137	96	Stevens W. H.	34	15
ancock W. S.	13	31	Smith L.	2374	21
utter G. C.	"	14	Shaaff J. T.	1694	16
ood J. B.	30	"	Stockton P.	165	01
eerin S.	4.134	27	Thomas C. W.	70	42
olman J. H.	10	87	Taylor J. G.	504	85
graham E.	50	75	Vinton D. H.	61.964	10
erson A.	1898	38	Williams J. G.	2.575	"
Jony W.	391	79	Williams G. A.	126	74
Jenifer W. H.	672	41	Whiting C. J.	10	"
Kimmel M. M.	671	43	Washington T. A.	40	21
Leonard H.	348	62	Whitley R. H. K.	281	87
Long L. H.	706	91			
Lewis T.	1447	98			
Forwd	99.891	67		238.400	90

A. J. Guirot
Ass't Treas. U. S.

In Gold $ 238.400.
" Silver ——— 90

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, January 28. 1861.

Sir.

The expense attending the transportation of the large amount of gold bullion and coin between the Assay Office and the Mint, is considerably in excess of the appropriation for that object, and I have therefore, to call your attention to the necessity of providing for the difference by an appropriation during the present session of Congress. The appropriation for the expenses in question, for the current fiscal year, predicated upon the business of previous years, is only Five Thousand Dollars; while the expenses of transportation for the last three months has been about $14000. The amount of transportation for the remaining portion of the fiscal year may not be at the same rate, but it will probably reach $4000. per month. It will thus be seen that we will require an additional appropriation of $29.000, for the transportation of bullion from the New York Assay Office to the United States Mint for coinage, for the present fiscal year.

I have the honor to be, with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon John A. Dix.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

TREASURER'S OFFICE,

Philadelphia, 28 Jan 1861

ir,

I telegraphed to you this morning asking authority to pay draft of some $43000, on the Assistant Treasury New York, from nds in my hands due to the Assay Office. It is proper, however, at I should explain, in more detail, my object in this request.

The Assay Office having large deposits here, for coinage, we send u, almost daily, gold coins by Express in payment. Of course a raft on the Assistant Treasury at N. York, if in my hands, would equally available for its amount in such payment, and as it uld be forwarded by mail we should, by the use of such Draft, void the Express Charge, 50 cents per $1000. If I were authorsed to exchange gold due the Assay Office for drafts of the overnment on New York, this economy would be attained, without adding to our risk, and at some convenience to disbursg officers and creditors of the U. S. at this point. But in the bsence of authority I do not feel justified in making such changes. If the Department approves of such transactions it might give such a general instruction on the subject as would nable me to act, in future, without specially referring each case.

I have the honor to be, Very respectfully

J. H. Walton
Treasurer

Hon. Jno. A. Dix
Secy of Treasury

From
James H. Walton
Treas. U.S. Mint
Philadelphia
Jan 28/61

Respecting exchange of coin due Assay Office for drafts on Assist Treas. New York, to economise freight

Ans 29 Jan 61

Ad Randolph
Shall we give this general instruction
– and if so should not Mr Cisco be advised?

M. 74, Jan. 20/61.

I do not see any possible objection to the proposal, nor any necessity for special authority. – Authority is necessary to justify a charge for transportation and the risk of it.

But there can be no risk in taking a Treasury draft, nor any cost.

In abundant caution however, he might take a draft for collection and when advised of payment, might then consummate the transaction.

Jany 29. 61

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J. KENDALL, Gen'l Supt.,
4 WALL STREET, N. Y.

Z. BARNUM, Pres't,
BALTIMORE, MD.

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6 *Dated* Philadelphia Jan 28 1861.

Rec'd, Washington, Jan 28 1861, ... *o'clock,* ...... *min.* *M.*

To Hon Jno A Dix
Secy Treasy

43.500 24 Jan

May draft of pay master Watmaugh on Assist Treasury New York be paid here and sent by me on account of balances due. to assay office Please telegraph

L H Walton | Treasr

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 1. 1861.

Sir.

The usual monthly count and examination made at the close of business yesterday, exhibited the following balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint, viz:

In Gold Coins	$22,737.00
In Silver coins	16,572.68
In Cent Coins	3,921.55
In Ordinary Fund.	2,732.36
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$46,062.74

corresponding with the balance as stated upon his books of account.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that, the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,

With great Respect Your Faithful Servt.

James Ross Snowden

Director of the Mint

Hon John A. Dix,

Secretary of the Treasury,

Washington City.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, February 1, 1861.

Sir.

In compliance with the act of March 3. 1853, c. 97. I present herewith a statement of the Expenditures of the Mint, for the quarter ending December 31. 1860:

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint, for the 4th quarter 1860.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$6.975.00
For Wages of Workmen & Adjusters	25.049.84
For Incidental Expenses	6.637.16
	$38,662.00

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant.
James Ross Snowden.
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J. KENDALL, Gen'l Supt.,
4 WALL STREET, N. Y.

Z. BARNUM, Pres't,
BALTIMORE, MD.

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4 Dated Mint of the U.S. Phila Feb 4 1861.

Rec'd, Washington, Feb 4 1861, o'clock, min. M.

To Hon John A Dix

If the assay commissioners have been appointed, please state their names. if not they should be appointed without delay

J Ross Snowden
Director

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s/Ex

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, February 4. 1861.

Sir.

Enclosed please find statement of Deposits & Coinage at the Mint for the month ending 31st ulto. It will seen by reference to the statement, that the coinage amounted to $8,148,421.69; which is the largest amount ever coined at the Mint in a single month.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint

Hon John A. Dix,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United ates, Philada.; during the month of January 1861.

Deposits

old		8.209 669.30
ilver	Deposits and purchases	156.413.60
		$ 8.366.082.90

Copper cents - C. S. - rec'd. in ex. for cents of new issue	$13.605.00

Coinage

Gold Denomination	No. pieces	
Double Eagles	402.500	$8.050.000.
Fine Bars	6	2.321.69
	402.506	$8.052.321 69

Silver		
Dollars	33.000	$33.000.
Qr. "	93.600	23.400
Dimes	185.000	18.500
Half "	324.000	16.200
	635 600	$91.100

Cents	500.000	$5.000

Recapitulation

Gold	402.506	$8.052.321.69
Silver	635.600	91.100.00
Cents	500.000	5.000.00
	1.538.106	$8.148421.69

Director of the Mint
Rec'd Feb 4. 1861

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 6. 1861.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cal^{a}; of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st. December last, also, a quarterly statement of the expenditures thereat, for the Quarter ending on that day.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon John A. Dix,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

A Statement of the Expenditures of the Branch Mint Charlotte N.C for 4th Quarter 1860 is also enclosed herewith.

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Statement of the Expenses of the Branch Mint at Charlotte N. Ca for the Quarter ending 31 December 1860

For Salaries of Officers & Clerk	$1.500.00
" Wages of Workmen	702.00
" Contingent & Incidental Expenses	733.23
" Wastage of Gold	192.80
	$3.128.03

G. W. Caldwell
Superintendent

To The Director
Philadelphia

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala., January 10th 1861 ~~185~~.

Sir

In conformity with the Act. of March 4th 1853. hap. 97. I have the honor to present a Quarterly Statement of expenditures of the Branch Mint at San ancisco for the Quarter ending December 31st 1860.

4th Quarter 1860.

Month 1860.	Inc & Cont. Expenses		Wages of Workmen &c		Salaries of Officers & Clks	Totals For Quarter	
October	4.007	41	14.166	00		18.173	41
November	2.872	27	13.712	20	4th Qr 1860	16.584	47
December	5.053	41	13.754	26	7.625.00	26.434	67
Totals	$11.933	09	$41.632	46	$7.625	$61.192	55

the Hon Secretary
the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas. H. Hempstead
Superintendent

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala. January 10th 1861. ~~185~~

Sir:

In conformity with Treasury Circular of December 18th 1854. I have the honor to report that upon examination and count, I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch on the 31st day of December 1860. the sum of Four Hundred and Fifty Seven Thousand, Eight Hundred and Eighty One $\frac{12}{100}$ Dollars (\$457.881 $\frac{12}{100}$) and that there is to the Credit of this Branch the sum of One Thousand, One Hundred and Eighty Eight $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars (\$1.188 $\frac{56}{100}$) on deposit at the Mint at Philadelphia, making a total of Four Hundred and Fifty Nine Thousand and Sixty Nine $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars (\$459.069 $\frac{68}{100}$) which amount corresponds with the balance as exhibited by the books of the Treasurer of this Branch on that day.

Very Respectfully.
Your Obdt. Servt.

Chas. H. Hempstead.
Superintendent

Hon Secretary
of the Treasury,
Washington
D.C.

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Philadelphia Feb. 6.
1861.

Hon. John A Dix
Secretary of the Treasury,
Sir,

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2d. inst. informing me that I had been appointed a Commissioner on the Annual Assay of the U. States Mint. It will afford me pleasure to attend to the prescribed duties.

With great Respect
I am yr. obt. Servt.
John J Reese.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Feb. 7th 1861.

Sir,

There are in the Mint a large number of medal dies of a historical and national character. Applications are frequently made for copies of these medals; but heretofore none have been struck. I have to-day received an application on this subject, from such eminent and distinguished Citizens of New-York, that I am induced to forward a copy of it for your examination, and to say that if the Department desire it, we will endeavor to comply with the request of these gentlemen. We could not at present strike these medals being much occupied with the operations of Coinage, but from time to time, as the opportunity occurs, the work might be accomplished; and in such a manner as not to retard the Coinage, nor occasion the government any expense or loss. The price of the medals could be fixed to cover the expenses incurred.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant.
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John A. Dix
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

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National medals

Copy.

New York Jany. 17. 1861.

Hon Jas. Roſs Snowden,
Director &c &c
U. S. Mint. Philadelphia.

Sir.

We are informed that there are now in the Mint at Philadelphia, a large number of dies of National and other medals, which have in former years been struck for various purposes.

These medals form some of the most lasting as well as the most valuable memorials of our history, and it seems proper that they should be reproduced in such number that the public and private collectors of medals in our country, and abroad, should be able to poſseſs them, and thus perpetuate their historical records.

If consistent with your views, and with the rules of the Mint, or if necessary, by permission of the Government, in asking which we will cordially unite with you; we respectfully suggest that these medals be struck in bronze and supplied to collectors on such terms as in your judgment may be deemed proper.

Very Respectfully
Yours &c

(Signed)
W. C. Prime
Geo Folsom
D Thompson
Stewart Brown
Moses Taylor
Robt B Minturn
Jno C Green
Jno A Stevens

(Signed) L Bradish
Geo Bancroft
Frederick De Peyster
Saml F. B. Morse
Edward Delafield
Wm H Aspinwall
A. P. Halsey
Jas Renwick

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 7. 1861.

Sir.

On looking over the General Appropriation bill (H. R. – 892,) I notice that several of the items relating to the principal Mint, the branch Mint San Francisco, and the branch Mint at New Orleans, differ materially from the estimates forwarded by me to the Register of the Treasury, on the 29th. of October last. The items of appropriation for Wages of Workmen & Adjusters, and for Incidental & Contingent Expenses, at the above named institutions, are less than the amounts estimated to be necessary for those purposes.

It would seem that, the estimated unexpended balances of former appropriations for Wages and for Incidental Expenses, at the end of the *current fiscal year*, as well as the estimated deductions from depositors for the *next* fiscal year, have been regarded as intended to be applied *in reduction* of the amounts of appropriation estimated to be necessary under these heads respectively. If this be so, it is a mistake, as the amounts estimated

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for by me, were *in addition* to the estimated unexpended balances at the end of the current fiscal Year and deductions of the next fiscal Year. This will fully appear on referring to the "Grounds of Estimates" forwarded to the Department, on the 29th. of October last.

As the items contained in the appropriation bill, for Wages of Workmen, and for Incidental & Contingent Expenses at the institutions referred to, will be insufficient to meet the expenses under these heads, I deem it proper to call your attention to the subject, and request that the items referred to may be increased, so as to correspond with my estimates, which were as follows:

For Wages of Workmen & Adjusters at the Mint of the U. S., at Phila.; $67.000, *in addition* to estimated unexpended balance of $20,000 at end of the current fiscal Year, & deductions of next fiscal Year.

For Incidental & Contingent Expenses, $50.000 *in addition* to estimated unexpended balance of $20.000, at the end of the current fiscal Year.

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For Wages of Workmen & Adjusters at the Branch Mint at San Francisco, $103.928, *in addition* to estimated deductions from depositors, during the ~~of~~ next fiscal Year.

For Incidental & Contingent Expenses $70.000, *in addition* to estimated unexpended balance of $40.000 under this head on 30th June 1861.

For Wages of Workmen & Adjusters at Branch Mint New Orleans, $29.066.60 *in addition* to unexpended balance of $4.713.40, at the end of the current fiscal Year.

For Incidental & Contingent Expenses $25,634.30 *in addition* to other available means, amounting to $11,765.70.

In view of the recent occurrances at New Orleans, it would seem proper to withhold the usual appropriation for the support of the branch Mint in that City.

Your early attention to the correction of the bill in accordance with the foregoing statement, is earnestly requested. It might be well as an explanation of this subject, if the Department would furnish the appropriate Committees of Congress with copies of the "Grounds of

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of Estimates" herein referred to.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John A. Dix
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Jas Ross Snowden Director
U. S. Mint Phila
Feb 7, 1861.

Calls attention to reduction in items of appropriation for expenses of the Branch Mints at San Francisco & New Orleans, as contained in the Appropriation Bill.

Cy sent to C. E. Thomas
+ Sup't Mint N. Orleans
File

Ro. 9. Feb. 1861.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Feb. 8. 1861.

Sir,

There is a balance of $64,603.96 arising from the coinage charge for the year 1860 which I will cause to be transferred to the Asst. Treasurer's Office here, and will be subject to your order on draft. In view of this transfer I have to call your attention to my letter of the 29th ulto.; and to request that a draft be issued in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint on the Asst. Treas. U.S. here for sums therein asked for, payable out of the appropriation for the support of this institution for the current fiscal year.

The certificates of the transfer will be forwarded tomorrow.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John A. Dix
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb 11. 1861.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a communication from Wm. A. Elmore Esq. dated 30th ulto. to the President, tendering his resignation as Superintendent of the Branch Mint at New Orleans.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon John A. Dix,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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James Ross Snowden, Director
U. S. Mint, Phil^a

U. S. Branch Mint,
New Orleans, Jany 30th 1861

Sir

I herewith tender my resignation, as Superintendent of this Institution.

Very respectfully
your obdt Servt
Wm A. Elmore

To the President
of the U. S.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 11, 1861.

Sir,

Referring to my letter of the 8th inst. I now enclose certificate, of the Assistant Treasurer U. S. for Sixty Four Thousand, Nine Hundred $\frac{63}{100}$ Dollars, being balance of 1/2 per cent seignorage of Gold and silver coinage for 1860, transferred to the Treasury of the United States. In view of this transfer and the wants of this institution, I have to call your attention to the requisition made by me on the 29th ult. and to request that a draft be issued in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, on the Assistant Treasurer U. S. here, for the sum therein asked for.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant.
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon John A. Dix,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Washington D July 9th 1861

Samuel McKeane Esqr Disbursing Clerk Treasury Building; Sir, I propose to furnish 35 Cords Oak wood in place of Hickory pr Contract at $4,08 pr Cord, and Coal at $6— pr Tan

Respectfully

T, Downy

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Mint of the U. States,
Phila. Feb. 13. 1861.

Sir,

The annual assay has prevented me from answering your letter of the 9th inst. The Commission has to-day completed its trials; to-morrow I will be able to reply to your letter.

I must beg your kind indulgence for this unavoidable delay.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Hon. John A. Dix
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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compared with the legal content, or amount of fine gold in our coins. 2. The Mint value after the uniform deduction of the ½ of one per cent. Instead of relieving us from the present embarrassment of having two valuations; the proposed law would make a third one necessary, namely, the value of refined gold after deducting $\frac{1}{5}$ of one per cent. for coinage.

There is one change in the Mint law which might with great propriety be made, because it would be of some advantage to the private refiners of bullion, and would not be of the least detriment to the revenue, or to the public service. The law as it now stands (Sect. 30, act of Jan. 18. 1837) requires the payments to depositors of bullion in the order of time in which it is brought

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to the Mint. As refined bullion can immediately, and without delay, be melted into ingots for Coinage, it seems proper that a preference should be given to such bullion in making the payments. There is necessarily some delay in making returns in coins for deposits; but the greater delay occurs where the bullion contains silver which requires to be parted, or separated, from the gold. I would therefore suggest that all after the word "hereafter," in the last line but one of the proposed section be struck out, and the following inserted. – depositors of bullion refined, and fit for coinage, shall be accorded priority of payment, under regulations to be prescribed by the Director of the Mint with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John A. Dix
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Feb. 14. 1861.

Sir,

The business of the annual assay (completed yesterday) has so much engrossed my attention that I have been obliged to postpone until to-day a reply to your letter of the 9th inst, enclosing a copy of a letter from the Hon. John Sherman, Chairman of the Committee of Ways and Means of the House of Reps.

The amendment of the Senate, now pending before the Committee, contains two distinct provisions. There can be no doubt of the propriety of the adoption of the first part of the Section, which proposes to extend the act of Congress, therein referred to, to the Branch Mints and the Assay Office. It does not seem advantageous ~~for~~ to the government for it to do the work of refining of gold and silver further than it is necessary to do so by the absence, or want, of private refineries. The

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refineries at the Mints in London and Paris have been abolished, and the work is there done by private enterprise. I here use the words *refining* in the sense of parting or *separating* the silver from the gold or gold from silver; or to refining in the case of brittle, ~~gold~~ or refractory metal, or metal too low in fineness, *that* must always be a branch of minting operations. I see no objection to the passage of the first part of the proposed section, because it leaves it to the action of the Secretary of the Treasury to limit the amount to be refined in the Mints, or to ~~withdraw~~ exclude refining therefrom, when private refineries are capable of doing the work in a satisfactory manner.

In regard to the other, and perhaps more important part of the section, much might be said, but the necessity for an immediate answer to your

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letter seems to solicit a disquisition, and to call rather for conclusions. I may observe however that I have heretofore entertained the opinion that if any legislation was had in reference to the Coinage charge it would be advisable to abolish it entirely, and return to the system which obtained before the passage of the act of Feb. 21. 1853, sect. 6, by which the present coinage charge is authorized to be made. But in view of the Condition of the Treasury, and of the enormous Coinage recently executed at the Mint, it seems inexpedient to alter the law as it now stands. In January we coined at the Mint (Phila) upwards of eight millions of dollars; the revenue to the government upon this Coinage is rising $40,000. The coinage of the present month will probably reach nine millions of dollars, upon which the Coinage charge will be, say $45,000. These are considerable sums; and if the coinage should continue to be large, the revenue derived therefrom would be a material relief to the Treasury of the United States. Besides, it appears from the enormous amount of bullion we receive, that this charge on coinage does not perceptibly prevent the bringing of it to the country and to the Mint. To which I may add that commercial rates have adjusted themselves to our present charges.

These remarks apply more directly to foreign bullion,—a term which includes foreign coins—and to the inexpediency of reducing the coinage charge upon it; and it may be said that the proposed reduction is only intended to apply to refined bullion, and to aid private refineries in this country; but large amounts of refined bullion are brought from Europe, to which the reduction would apply as well as to our own. Again, a difference in the coinage charge would make some confusion in expressing the Mint value of gold bullion as compared with our coinage. At present we have two valuations; namely, 1. The value as

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 16. 1861.

Sir,

I send herewith a copy of the proceedings of the Assay Commissioners who recently met at the Mint.

On an examination of the proceedings of the Board it will be seen that the trials of the reserved Coins of the Mint and its branches, were adjudged to be satisfactory; but it was ascertained that one of the gold dollars, coined at the Mint in Philadelphia, was not properly adjusted as to weight, and that the variation from the legal standard was greater than is allowed by law: as was also one dime struck at the same institution.

The Commissioners, in compliance with the 32nd. Section of the general Mint law, have declared these facts to the President of the United States in a

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Certificate which I enclose, and request may be laid before him together with the copy of the record of their proceedings.

In the Law before referred to - Section 32nd it is enacted, that "such examination shall be made of the reserved pieces as shall be judged sufficient; and if it shall appear that these pieces do not differ from the standard fineness and weight by a greater quantity than is allowed by law, the trial shall be considered and reported as satisfactory; but if any greater deviation from the legal standard or weight shall appear this fact shall be certified to the President of the United States, and if, on a view of the circumstances of the case, he shall so decide the officer or officers implicated in the error shall be thenceforward disqualified from holding their respective offices."

It is the duty of the Coiner to prepare the coins of the proper weight; and also of the Treasurer (~~Sec~~ Sect 26. of the Mint Law);

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to see that the coins delivered to him are within the legal limits of the standard weight. The Officers therefore that may be implicated in these deviations from the standard weight, are the Chief Coiner and the Treasurer.

Whilst the importance of maintaining a proper adjustment of the coins cannot be too highly stated, it is due to the officers above named that it should be noted, that the average weight of the twelve gold dollars which had been reserved from the melting, for the purpose of being weighed, and which included the one which fell below the standard weight, were "fully within the limits allowed by law"; and the Commissioners also certify that the greatest care is practised on the part of those officers who have charge of this matter.

I have the honor to be, with great respect, Your faithful servant,

Hon.ble John A. Dix. James Ross Snowden.
Secretary of the Treasury. Director of the Mint.

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1861
Mint of the United States
February 11th

The Commissioners appointed for the purpose of making the annual trial of the gold and silver coins reserved at the Mint of the United States and its branches under the provisions of the Act of January 18th 1837, met at the Mint on Monday the 11th day of February 1861.

The chair was taken by the Hon John Cadwalader, and H R Linderman Directors Clerk, acted as Secretary.

The letter of the Hon John A Dix, Secretary of the Treasury, officially announcing the commissioners specially designated by the President was then read, also the minutes of the last preceding assay.

A majority of the whole number of commissioners legally constituted, was found to be present, namely, the Hon John Cadwalader, Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania; George M. Wharton Esq, Attorney of the United States for the same district: and Joseph B Baker Esq, Collector of the Port of Philadelphia they being commissioners ex-officio. The commissioners present who had been specially designated by the President, were Dr R. E. Rogers, Dr J. J. Reese, J. Francis Fisher, Esq. and Col W. H. Keichline of Philadelphia: Dr John Maclean of New Jersey: Dr Francis Lieber and Dr John Torrey of New York.

On motion, the rules originally adopted by the commission of the year 1857, were adopted as rules for the organisation and government of this commission.

The reading of the several laws bearing upon the duties of the commission, the rules for the organisation and government of the Board, was, on motion, dispense with.

The Director of the Mint informed the commissio that there had been a change in the office of Superintenden of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Ga. J. M. Patton having been Superintendent and ex-officio Treasurer, from the first part of the year to the 30th of September inclusive. His successor, George Kellog Esq. having entered upon his duties on the first of October last; whereupon it was directed by the Board, that the coins of the Branch Mint, Dahlonega be divided into two parcels, for the purpose of testing the accuracy of the weight and fineness of the same, namely, those coined from January 1st to 30th of September inclusive, in one parcel; and from October 1st to 31st December inclusive in another parcel.

The sealed packages containing the reserved coins of the Mint of the United States, and those received from the several branches thereof, being then produced by the Director, the Board proceeded to open them and ascertained the conformity of the numbers and denominations of the Coins returned with the respective returns.

The Chairman, Judge Cadwalader, then appointed the following committees, namely, committee on weighing, Messrs Maclean, Fisher, Reichline and Baker; Committee on assays, Messrs Rogers, Leiber, Reese, Torrey & Wharton.

The reserved coins were then passed over to the committee on weighing.

Whereupon the Board adjourned to meet at 5 o'clock P.M.

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Board met at 5 oclock P.M. pursuant to adjournment

The committee on weighing and the committee on assays having been for some time engaged in the discharge of their several duties, reported progreſs. whereupon, on motion, the Board adjourned to meet at 11, o'clock tomorrow morning.

February 12th 1861, 11 oclock A.M. Board met pursuant to adjournment, present. Meſsrs Cadwalader Wharton, Baker, Maclean, Lieber, Torrey, Rogers, Reese, Fisher and Keichline.

Adjourned to meet at 5 oclock P.M. to receive the report of the committees.

Board met at 5 oclock P.M.

The Chairman of the committee on weighing submitted the following report;

The Committee on weighing respectfully report, that they have attended to the duty assigned them; and in accordance with the rules laid down, for their guidance, they have ascertained the weight of the gold and silver coins reserved at the Mint in Philadelphia and its several branches; the weight of the arranged piles; and also the weight of the single pieces taken from the coins reserved at the Mint and its branches. The results of these different weighings are given in the tables accompanying this report.

It affords the committee pleasure, that they are able to make a favorable report in regard to the conformity of the coins to the legal standard for weight; there being but two pieces that exceeded the variation allowed by law; one of these two being a gold dollar, the other a dime; both from the Mint in Philadelphia. The gold dollar was 7/11 of a grain leſs

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than the legal weight, that is the variation was greater by 3/11 of a grain than is allowed by law, and the dime 5/8 of a grain less than the legal weight or the variation 1/8 to much, — but the committee regarding the variations as purely accidental and even unavoidable, deem it unnecessary to do anything more than merely mention the fact, as they are satisfied from the remarkable accuracy in the weight of the coins generally, that the greatest care is practised on the part of those officers of the Mint, who have charge of this matter, It may be proper to add, that the average weight of 12 gold dollars including the one just mentioned was fully within the limit allowed by law for variations.

The committee also examined the weights ordinarily employed in the Mint, and found them to agree with the standard prescribed by law; and to correspond with the Troy Pound Weight, obtained from London in 1827 "for the use of the Mint and now in the custody of the Director thereof," as required by the Act of May 19th 1828.

Aggregate weight of Gold and Silver coins reserved at the Mint in Philadelphia, and its several Branches pursuant to Rule V.

Mint	Value		Legal weight		Actual weight		Deviation from Legal weight		Remarks
	Doll	cts	oz	dec	oz	dec	oz	dec	
Philadelphia,									
Gold	7917	50	425	5656	425	5325		0331	Light
Silver dollars	46	00	39	5312	39	5345		0033	Heavy
Small Silver	41	38	33	1040	33	1050		0010	Heavy
New Orleans									
Gold	150	00	8	0625	8	0650		0025	Heavy
Silver dollars	103	00	88	5150	88	5130		0020	Light
other Silver	159	90	127	9200	127	8940		0260	Light

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San Francisco									
Gold	4596	50	246	7931	246	7770		0161	Light
Silver	27	05	21	6380	21	6350		0030	Light
Charlotte									
Gold	160	00	8	600	8	597		0030	Light
Dahlonega									
Gold 1st period	36	00	1	9345	1	9340		0005	Light
do 2nd "	36	00	1	9345	1	9340		0005	Light

Weight of arranged piles, taken from the coins reserved at the Mint in Philadelphia, and its several Branches, pursuant to Rule VII, Letter C.

Mint	No of Pieces	Value		Legal Wt		Actual Wt		Deviation from Legal Wt	Remarks
Philadelphia									
Double Eagles	10	200	00	10	75	10	75		
Eagles	4	40	00	2	15	2	15		
Half Eagles	10	50	00	2	6875	2	6870	0005	Light
Three dollars	2	6	00		3225		3225		
Quarter Eagles	7	17	50		9406		9400	0006	Light
Gold dollars	11	11	00		6450		6445	0005	Light
Silver dollars	5	5	00	4	2968	4	2975	0007	Heavy
Half dollars	10	5	00	4	00	3	9990	001	Light
Quarter dollars	10	2	50	2		2			
Dimes	10	1	00		80		7995	0005	Light
Half Dimes	10		50		40		3995	0005	Light
Dahlonega									
1st period Half Eagles	7	35	00	1	8812	1	881	0002	Light
2nd period Half Eagle	7	35	00	1	8812	1	881	0002	Light
Charlotte									
Half Eagles	6	30	00	1	6125	1	613	0005	Heavy
Quarter Eagle	4	10	00		5375		5375		
New Orleans									

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Double Eagles	2	40	00	2	150	2	1495		0005	Light
Eagles	4	40	00	2	150	2	150			
Silver dollars	10	10	00	8	5937	8	5905		0032	Light
Half dollars	10	5	00	4	00	3	9995		0005	Light
Quarter dollars	10	2	50	2	00	1	9995		0005	Light
4 dimes 10 Hf dime	14		90		72		7215		0015	Heavy
San Francisco										
Double Eagle	10	200	00	10	750	10	7485		0015	Light
Eagles	2	20	00	1	075	1	0750			
5 Hf Eagles 5 Qr Eagles 2 Three dollars, 3 gold dolls	15	46	50	2	4993	2	4990		0003	Light
4 hf dolls. 4 Qr dolls, 3 dimes	11	3	30	2	64	2	6370		0003	Light

Weight of single pieces taken from the coins reserved at the Mint in Philadelphia and its several Branches pursuant to Rule VII, Letter C.

Mint	Denomination of coin	Legal Wt in grains	Actual Wt in grains	Deviation from Legal Wt in grains	Remarks
Philadelphia					
No 1	double Eagle	516		3/16	Heavy
2	〃	〃		Right	
3	〃	〃		1/4	Heavy
4	〃	〃		1/8	Light
5	〃	〃		Right	
6	〃	〃		1/4	Heavy
7	〃	〃		Right	
8	〃	〃		〃	
9	〃	〃		〃	
10	〃	〃		〃	
No 1	Eagle	258		〃	
2	〃	〃		〃	
3	〃	〃		〃	
4	〃	〃		1/8	Light
5	〃	〃		1/4	Heavy

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No 6	Eagle	258	Right	
7	"	"	3/8	Light
No 1	Half Eagle	129	Right	
2	"	"	"	
3	"	"	"	
4	"	"	"	
No 1	Three dollar	77 4/10	"	
2	"	"	"	
No 1	Quarter Eagle	64 5/10	"	
2	"	"	"	
3	"	"	"	
4	"	"	"	
5	"	"	"	
6	"	"	"	
7	"	"	"	
No 1	Gold dollar	25 8/10	"	
2	"	"	"	
3	"	"	1/8	Light
4	"	"	Right	
5	"	"	"	
6	"	"	"	
7	"	"	"	
8	"	"	"	
9	"	"	3/16	Heavy
10	"	"	Right	
11	"	"	7/16	Light
12	"	"	1/16	"
12 Gold dollars		309 6/10	9/40	Light
No 1	Silver dollar	412 1/5	1/4	Heavy
2	"	"	1/4	"
3	"	"	1/8	Light
4	"	"	1/4	"

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No 5	Silver dollar	412 1/5	Right	
No 1	Half dollar	192	1/4	Light
2	"	"	1/16	Heavy
3	"	"	1/4	"
4	"	"	1/16	"
5	"	"	1/8	Light
6	"	"	3/16	Heavy
7	"	"	3/16	"
8	"	"	1/4	Light
9	"	"	1/16	Heavy
10	"	"	1/16	"
No 1	Quarter dollar	96	Right	
2	"	"	3/8	Heavy
3	"	"	1/8	"
4	"	"	3/8	"
5	"	"	5/8	Light
No 1	dime	38 4/10	Right	
2	"	"	1/8	Heavy
3	"	"	Right	
4	"	"	5/8	Light
5	"	"	1/4	Heavy
5 dimes Aggregate			1/4	Light
No 1	Half dime	19 2/10	Right	
2	"	"	1/8	Light
3	"	"	Right	
4	"	"	1/4	Heavy
5	"	"	Right	
No 1	Three cent piece	11.52	1/8	Heavy
2			1/8	Light
3			Right	
4			1/8	Heavy

New Orleans

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No 1	Double Eagle	516	1/2	Light
2	–	–	1/16	Heavy
No 1	Eagle	258	1/8	–
2	–	–	3/16	Light
3	–	–	3/16	Heavy
4	–	–	Right	
No 1	Silver dollar	412.5	1/4	Light
2	–	–	1/2	–
3	–	–	1/8	–
4	–	–	1½	–
5	–	–	Right	
No 1	Half dollar	192	Right	
2	–	–	1/8	Light
3	–	–	Right	
4	–	–	3/8	Light
5	–	–	3/8	–
No 1	Quarter dollar	96	1/4	Heavy
2	–	–	3/8	–
3	–	–	1/8	Light
4	–	–	1/4	Heavy
No 1	Dime	38.4	1/4	–
2	–	–	1/8	–
No 1	Half dime	19.2	Right	
2	–	–	1/4	Heavy
3	–	–	1/8	–
4	–	–	Right	
Charlotte	Half Eagle	129	–	
No 1	Half Eagle	129	Right	
2	–	–	–	
3	–	–	–	
4	–	–	1/8	Heavy
5	–	–	1/8	Light

No 6	Half Eagle	129	Right	
No 1	Quarter Eagle	64.5	1/16	Heavy
2	"	"	Right	
3	"	"	1/16	Light
4	"	"	Right	
Dahlonega				
1st period No 1	Gold dollar	25.8	1/16	Heavy
No 1	Half Eagle	129	1/4	"
2	"	"	3/8	Light
3	"	"	Right	
4	"	"	"	
2nd period No 1	Gold dollar	25.8	3/16	Heavy
No 1	Half Eagle	129	5/16	"
2	"	"	Right	
3	"	"	"	
4	"	"	"	
5	"	"	"	
6	"	"	"	
7	"	"	"	
San Francisco				
No 1	Double Eagle	516	Right	
2	"	"	"	
3	"	"	3/16	Light
4	"	"	Right	
No 1	Eagle	258	1/16	Heavy
No 1	Half Eagle	129	Right	
2	"	"	"	
3	"	"	"	
No 1	Three Dollar	77.4	"	
2	"	"	"	
No 1	Quarter Eagle	64.5	"	
2	"	"	"	

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No 3	Quarter Eagle	64.5	1 Eight	
No 1	Gold dollar	25.8	-	
2	-	"	-	
3	-	-	-	
No 1	Half dollar	192	1/2	Light
2	-	-	5/8	Heavy
No 1	Quarter dollar	64.5	1/8	-
2	-	-	3/4	-
No 1	dime	38.4	3/8	-
2	-	-	1/4	Light

On motion the Report of the Committee on Weighing was unanimously adopted.

The committee on assays made the following report:

The undersigned appointed by the Board a committee to superintend the assaying of the reserved gold and silver coins of the Mint of the United States and its Branches, for the Year 1860, beg leave respectfully to report:

That on the 11th day of February they proceeded in pursuance of Rule VIII to melt the several parcels of reserved coins in the order prescribed in Rule IV. Having finished the melting of all the coins, except those reserved for particular assays, and such as were selected and handed over to the committee on weighing for testing the accuracy of the weights thereof, and the hour of adjournment having arrived, the several parcels of the reserved coins and the ingots were placed in the fireproof under the key of the Chairman of the Board and under the Joint and separate charge of the Chairman of the Board and the Director of the Mint.

On the 12th inst. the committee resumed their duties, They received from the Chairman of the Board and the Director of the Mint, the several parcels of reserved coins selected for particular assays, and the ingots produced from the several meltings, and took from each of the ingots and the particular coins test samples, and arranged the same by numbers, so that the respective place of coinage was known only to the committee, as provided in Rule VIII. G. The test samples thus arranged were then handed to the assayer who assayed them under the immediate observation and superintendence of the committee with the following results.

Assay of Gold

No 1	Dahlonega	Maſs 1st period	899.6
2	do	do 2nd do	899.3
3	Philadelphia	do	900
4	San Francisco	do	900
5	Charlotte	do	899.9
6	New Orleans	do	898.8
7	Dahlonega	Half Eagle 1st period	900.2
2	do	Dollar 2d do	899.8
3	Philadelphia	Eagle	900.2
4	San Francisco	Eagle	900
5	Philadelphia	Double Eagle	900
6	New Orleans	do	898.7
7	do	Eagle	899.6
8	San Francisco	do	899.6
9	Charlotte	Quarter Eagle	900.2
10	do	Half Eagle	899

Assay of Silver

No 1	San Francisco	Granulations	900.
2	Philadelphia	do	900.4

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No 3	New Orleans	Dollars	900
4	Philadelphia	do	900.4
5	do	Quarter dollars	900.6
6	New Orleans	Dollar	898.6
7	do	Half Dollar	898.8
8	San Francisco	do	901.7
9	New Orleans	Mass	899.5
10	Proof		

Your committee have divided the assaying of the coins of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, into two periods. viz; that prior to October 1st 1860. and that subsequent to October 1st 1860. This division was made in consequence of the information submitted by the Director of the Mint that a change in the office of Superintendent of that branch took place on the 1st of October 1860.

Your Committee have great pleasure in reporting that the results of the assays of the coinage of the Mint and its several branches, is satisfactory, it appearing that the reserved pieces do not differ from the standard fineness allowed by law

On motion the report of the committee on assays was unanimously adopted.

Adjourned to meet at 10 oclock A.M. to morrow.

February 13th 10 oclock A.M.

Board met pursuant to adjournment. present. Messrs Cadwalader, Wharton, Baker, Maclean, Lieber, Torrey, Rogers, Reese, Fisher, and Keichline,

On motion of Dr Rogers, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted: Resolved that the examination of the reserved gold and silver coins.

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of the Mint of the United States and its several Branches for the year 1860, as to fineness and weight, is in the judgment of the Board of Assay Commissioners satisfactory, there appearing no greater deviation from the standard fineness than is allowed by law; and no greater deviation from the standard weight than is allowed by law; except as to one gold dollar and one dime—both from the Mint in Philadelphia. The gold dollar having been found to weigh 3/11 of a grain less than the limit allowed by law, and the dime 1/8 of a grain less than the limit allowed by law; which deviation the Board regard as purely accidental and even unavoidable, and are satisfied from the remarkable accuracy in the weight of the coins generally, that the greatest care is practised on the part of those officers of the Mint, who have charge of this matter.

Resolved, that the Board do not regard a rarely occuring deviation from a standard uniformly so accurately preserved, such as presented in these exceptional cases, of a slightly deficient weight in the single gold dollar and dime out of the number weighed, as reflecting upon the accuracy of the Minting operations. The most perfect automatic mechanism for the purpose, superintended by the utmost skill and vigilance, cannot from the very nature of the material upon which it has to work, but be liable to some slight deviation in its products. Were it possible to secure at all times an absolutely unvarying chemical constitution and an uniformly homogenous texture throughout the ingots to be rolled into bars and cut into planchets, and complete exemption from flaws, blisters, and other imperfections in the metal submitted to these and the coining process, and at the same time, preserve the machinery from those occasional disturbances to which it is inherently liable, then and then only could absolute and undeviating precision in the results be attainable, but as yet neither science nor skill has reached so nearly the point of mathematical accuracy.

Whereupon the following certificate of the fact was made to be presented to the President of the United States.

"Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia February 13th 1861.

To the President of the United States,

We the judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Attorney of the United States for the same District, the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, and Robert E Rogers, John J Reese, J. Francis Fisher, William H Reichline, John Maclean, Francis Lieber and John Torrey, designated for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, by the President of the United States, do hereby report and certify, that on the 11th and 12th days of this month, we made trial of the coined pieces reserved at the Mint and its Branches, at the general deliveries of coins, made during the past year, pursuant to Law, and that we did in the presence of the Officers of the Mint, make such examination of the reserved pieces, as was by us judged sufficient, and that the examination of the gold and silver coins coined at the Mint of the United States and its several Branches, in the year 1860, as

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to fineneſs and weight, is in the judgment of the Board of Assay Commissioners satisfactory, there appearing no greater deviations from the standard fineneſs, than is allowed by law, and no greater deviations from the standard weight than is allowed by law, except as to one gold dollar and one dime — both from the Mint in Philadelphia, the gold dollar having been found to weigh 7/11 of a grain leſs than the legal weight (this being 3/11 of a grain leſs than the limit allowed by law) and the dime 5/8 of a grain leſs than the legal weight (this being 1/8 of a grain leſs than the limit allowed by law). The circumstances of the case and the views of the Board appear fully and in detail in their proceedings, of which they request the Director of the Mint to send herewith a full transcript as part of this report. The commissioners add that they are satisfied from the weight of the coins generally, that the greatest care is practised on the part of those Officers of the Mint, who have charge of this matter. All of which is certified in accordance with the Act of Congreſs in that behalf provided.

(Signed) John Cadwalader. District Judge
" G. M. Wharton. Dist. Atty. U. S
" J. B. Baker. Collector
" R. E. Rogers.
" John J. Reese
" J. Francis Fisher
" Wm H. Reichline
" John Maclean
" Francis Leiber
" John Torrey

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia February 13. 1861.

To the President of the United States:

We the Judge of the District Court of the United States for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, the Attorney of the United States for the same District, the Collector of the Port of Philadelphia, and Robert E. Rogers, John J. Reese, J. Francis Fisher William H. Keichline, John Maclean, Francis Lieber and John Torrey, designated for the purpose hereinafter mentioned, by the President of the United States, do hereby report and certify, that on the 11th + 12th days of this month, we made trial of the coined pieces reserved at the Mint and its Branches at the general deliveries of coins made during the past year, pursuant to law, and that we did in the presence of the Officers of the Mint, make such examination of the reserved pieces as was by us judged sufficient, and that the examination of the gold and silver coins coined at the Mint of the United States and its several Branches in the year 1860, as to fineness and weight, is in the judgment of the Board of Assay Commissioners satisfactory, there appearing no greater deviation from the standard of fineness than is allowed by law, and no greater deviation in the standard weight than is allowed by law, except as to one gold dollar and one dime.– both from the Mint in Philadelphia; The gold dollar having been found to weigh 7/16 of a grain less than the legal weight (this being 3/16 of a grain less than the limit allowed by law) and the dime 5/8 of a grain less than the legal weight (This being 1/8 of a grain less than the limit allowed by law). The circumstances of the case and the views of the Board appear fully and in detail in their proceedings, of which they request the Director of the Mint to send herewith a full transcript as part of this report. The Commissioners add that they are satisfied from the remarkable accuracy in the weight of the coins generally that the greatest care is practiced on the part of those Officers of the Mint, who have charge of this matter. All of which is certified in accordance with the act of Congress in that behalf provided.

John Cadwalader
District Judge

G. M. Wharton, Dist. Atty. U.S.

J. B. Baker Collector

R E Rogers

John J Reese.

J. Francis Fisher.

Wm H Keim

John Maclean

Francis Lieber

John Torrey

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reference to these dies, I suggest that it is desirable that the agent of the Department should be requested to call at the branch mint and ask to have them delivered to him for the purpose of returning them to the mint at Philada.: The person in charge of that institution may perhaps be willing to comply with this request. If so, it will relieve us from the embarrassment of having coins issued purporting to be the coins of the United States, but which are not subjected to the assays and trials required by law.

I may add, as appropriate to this communication, that the building of the branch mint at New Orleans, including the rendering of it fire proof in 1855 & 6, cost the United States the sum of $591,514.05; The amount of bullion in that institution, at the present time, the property of the United States, is $389,267.46; to which must be added the balance to the credit of the U.S. on the coinage charge and pro purchases of silver (profits) $12,413.62.

The grounds upon which the branch mint is erected, known as "Jackson Square", was conveyed to the United States by the authorities of the City of New Orleans on the 19th day of June 1835. It was a donation by the City to the United States.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. John A. Dix.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, February 18. 1861.

Sir,

I send you enclosed a copy of a letter I have recently received from Mr. Elmore, the Superintendent of the branch mint at New Orleans. It appears ~~by~~ from this communication that a Committee acting under the order of a Convention has taken possession of the branch Mint in the name of the State of Louisiana. The right to coin money – one of the highest acts of sovereignty – being expressly granted to the United States, (Art. 1. Sec 8. Const. U.S.) and withheld from the States, (Sect. 10) the action of the Louisiana Convention cannot but be regarded as revolutionary in its character, and destructive of the rights of the people and government of the United States. By the law establishing branches of the Mint of the United States, (Act of March 3. 1835) "The general direction of the business of the said branches ~~they~~ are under the control and regula~~tion~~s of the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia, subject to the

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approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury; and for that purpose it shall be the duty of the said Director to prescribe such regulations, and require such returns, periodically and occasionally, as shall appear to him to be necessary, for the purpose of carrying into effect the intention of this act in establishing the said branches: also for the purpose of discriminating the coin which shall be stamped at each branch and at the Mint itself: also, for the purpose of preserving uniformity of weight, form and fineness in the coin stamped at each place: and for that purpose to require the transmission and delivery to him at the Mint, from time to time, of such parcels of the coinage of each branch as he shall think proper, to be subjected to such assays and tests as he shall direct."

My instructions require weekly reports of its operations from the Branch Mint at New Orleans; and monthly returns of parcels of coinage ~~taken~~ from each delivery of coin from the Coiner to the

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Treasurer. These reports and coin for the month of January have been received; but the weekly returns since the close of the month have been omitted to be sent to me. It thus appears that the institution in question is not conducting its operations in a lawful manner; and although it is still a branch of the Mint of the United States — for no action of the State of Louisiana can legally alter its relation to the general government — yet as its coinage from the close of the month of January will not be subject to the tests required by law, it has practically ceased to be a branch of the mint. The coinage of that branch is designated by the letter O on the reverse side of each piece. The coin struck in January are legal coin of the United States; but as these pieces cannot be distinguished from others coined since that time, having the date of 1861; the whole coinage of this year ought to be discredited by the government. The announcement should be made, either by the

Proclamation of the President, or by Act of Congress, if the former should not be deemed proper, that the Coins of the branch Mint at New Orleans of the year 1861, are not of the Coinage of the United States, and are therefore not a legal tender in the payment of debts: said Coins are designated by the letter O on the reverse of each piece. I may here state, that the coins stamped at San Francisco, are designated by the letter S; those of Dahlonega (Georgia) by the letter D. and of Charlotte, (N.C.) by the letter C. The Coinage of the Mint at Philada. may be known by the absence of any letter as a mint mark.

The coining dies are prepared at the Mint in Philada. for the branches. I furnished, at the close of the last year, ~~for~~ the New Orleans branch the following number of working dies for 1861. Double eagles 3 obverses and 3 reverses. Eagle 2 obverses. Half eagle 2 obverses. Three dollar 2 Reverses (the date is on the reverse of this piece) Quarter eagle, 4 obverses. Gold dollar, 2 reverses (same as three-dollar piece) Silver dollars, 2 obverses. Half dollar 12 obverses. Quarter dollar 4 obverses. Dime 2 obverses, 2 reverses half-dime 2 obverses, 2 reverses. In

Copy.

United States Branch Mint
New Orleans, January 31. 1861.

Sir.

This morning, a Committee of the Convention, acting under an Ordinance passed by that body, took possession of this Institution in the Name of the State of Louisiana.

As soon, as I can get a copy of the Ordinance, I will forward it to you.

Yours very Truly
(Signed) Wm A. Elmore
Supt.

Hon. James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint,
Phila.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia March 1. 1861.

Sir.

The usual monthly count and examination, made at the close of yesterdays' business, exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint:

In Gold Coins	$430,144.50
In Silver Coins.	7,113.60
In Cent Coins	18.85
In Ordinary Fund	16,041.62
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$453,417.72

corresponding with the balances as stated, upon his books of accounts.

An examination at the same time, into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence, that the business of the institution is conducted, with care and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director
pr. H. R. Linderman

Hon John A. Dix,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 6. 1861.

Sir.

Enclosed please find a statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Mint of the United States, during the month of February last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant.
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon Salmon P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, during the month of February 1861.

Deposits

Gold	$5.244.816.71
Silver	
Deposits and purchases	153.361.28
Total Deposits	$5.398.177.99
Copper cents - O.S. - rec'd, in ex. for cents of new issue	16.795.00

Coinage

	No. pieces	
Gold		
Double Eagles	371.750	$7.435.000.00
Bars	3	3.016.92
	371.753	7.438.016.92
Silver		
Dollars	17.000	17.000.00
Half "	14.000	7.000.00
Quar "	310.400	77.600.00
Dimes	59.000	5.900.00
Half "	284.000	14.200.00
	684.400	121.700.00
Cents	1.200.000	12.000.00

Recapitulation

Gold	371.753	7.438.016.92
Silver	684.400	121.700.00
Cents	1.200.000	12.000.00
Total No. pieces	2.256.153	Total value $7.571.716.92

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 7th 1861.

Sir,

In acknowledging the receipt of your favor of the 5th inst (received to-day) I have to state that we have not in the current year struck all the ~~varieties~~ denominations of our Coins, either gold or silver. This arises from the fact that our operations have been chiefly devoted to the coinage of gold for bullion deposited since the close of the last year. During the months of January and February we have coined $15,714,800; an amount unprecedented in the operations of this Mint, and not exceeded by any other similar institution. I have now directed that a small supply of all the denominations of our coin be struck with as little delay as possible.

As the pieces which came to the Department from the Chargé d'affaires of Denmark were of silver and bronze, and only of the value of $2.38, I suggest

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whether it will not be a sufficient *honorarium* if we send in return a full set of our silver coins - with the cent. The letter from Mr. Raasloff, of the 9th April 1860 promises us a set of the *Gold* Coins of Denmark: When these are received, the department may then deem it a proper acknowledgement to send to that kingdom a set of our *Gold* Coins. If however you should prefer to send at once a set of our coins, including the gold pieces, I will have them forwarded to you as soon as they can be prepared.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

To The Honble
The Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 15. 1861.

Sir,

Before responding to the letter from the Department of the 2nd inst., on the subject of refining gold bullion, I would be glad to be put in possession of a copy of the provision recently passed by Congress extending the act of March 4, 1853 to the branches of the United States Mint and to the Assay Office. Although I read the section in question from a newspaper (not now at hand) yet I cannot recall to my recollection the precise words of the law.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the U. States.
Philad^a: March 18. 1861.

My dear Sir,

Retaining a pleasant recollection of our former official intercourse I am happy to notice that you are again in the Treasury Department.

I have recently published a work on Coins; and one on the Medallic Memorials of Washington &c. A copy of each of these books I herewith send for the use of the Department; and will thank you to place them on the table of the Secretary of the Treasury.

I am very respectfully
yours truly
James Ross Snowden.

Hon. George Harrington
Ass^t. Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

Mr. J. R. Snowden, Director
U. S. Mint, Phil^a.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 18. 1861.

Sir,

I transmit with my approval, a requisition from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, for Fifty Two Thousand, Eight Hundred and Fifty Eight $\frac{51}{100}$ Dollars; payable out of the balance to the credit of the appropriations for the support of that institution.

The Superintendent informs me, under date of the 20th ulto, that he had not received the amount of his requisition for the current quarter, which was transmitted to the Department, with my approval, on the 15th December last, and that much inconvenience is experienced in consequence thereof. If the amount asked for in the requisition just referred to has not yet been sent I hope that it will be found convenient to forward it by the Cala. mail of the 20th inst.

I have the honor to be
With great respect Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon Salmon P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 19, 1861.

Sir,

I enclose a requisition from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega, Georgia, for twenty three hundred dollars, payable out of the balance of the appn. made for the support of that institution. With this requisition I received from the Supt. the usual monthly statements and reports, and also the coins reserved for the annual assay for the month of February. It thus appears that, notwithstanding the revolutionary proceedings in the State of Georgia, the Branch Mint at Dahlonega continues to recognize itself as a Branch of the Mint of the United States, and complies with the laws, and with the regulations, prescribed for the transaction of its business. This being the case I have deemed it proper to approve the requisition made by the Superintendent, and respectfully recommend that a draft for the amount asked for, ~~in~~ on the Asst. Treas. U.S. at

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Charleston S.C. be sent to the Superintendent.

I take this occasion to call your attention to my letters of the 18th and 23d ulto, respecting the operations of the branch mint at New Orleans. I respectfully suggest to you, whether it is not desirable that some official announcement should be made of the fact that the Coin of that institution are not the lawful coin of the United States; and also whether some effort should not be made to retrieve the Coining dies which were heretofore provided for that branch of the Mint.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Branch Mint of the U.S.
Dahlonega Ga March 1st 1861

Dear Sir;

I have the honor to inform you that the Sum of Twenty three Hundred dollars will be needed at this Branch Mint at the expiration of the present Quarter on the 31st Inst for the following purposes to wit,

To pay Salaries of Officers & Clerk	1.500,00
" " Wages of Workmen —	720,00
" " Contingent Expenses —	80,00
	$2,300 00

You will please ask the Secretary of the Treasury to cause a draft to issue in my favor for the above Sum payable by Asst Treasurer at Charleston,

Very respectfully

James Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Philadelphia
Pa

Geo Kellogg
Supert

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Mint of the United States

Sir, Philada. 20 Mar 1861

I have the honor to acknowledge your communication of the 16th inst, received to-day, enclosing a letter from Trevor Colgate complaining that preferences are given by he Mint to Philadelphia depositors over those from ew york, and asking you to "rectify the evil" by an rder that each depositor shall be satisfied in turn, he New york assay office being considered as any other epositor."

In reply I have to report to the Department that no preferences are given such as are alleged, and that he Mint rule on the subject of payments is precisely hat which you are requested to order. Wherever it is racticable, priority of payment follows priority of eposit, and in this respect deposits sent by the Assay Office are treated as those by private parties.

I have said 'wherever it is practicable' such is the ule, and it is proper that I should explain what s meant by this qualification.

Depositors frequently demand payment of their deposits in a particular denomination of coin, which is

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is not on hand in the Treasury, nor in course of manufacture. In such case, the Mint is compelled to make special melts and coinage for this particular denomination, involving (if small coin, as dimes or ½ dimes) considerable delay. On the other hand it may happen that the Mint has already in the Treasury, or receives in regular course of manufacture, other coins which are perfectly satisfactory for the payment of posterior depositors. Shall these latter depositors be left unsatisfied, although we have coin on hand, until we are able to make the particular denominations required by a previous depositor? To take an illustration from yesterdays experience. The highest individual deposit of Silver paid by us is No. 81. But in the course of manufacture the Coiner delivered some Dollars. ~~to~~ The only unpaid deposit for dollars was No. 100, received from the Assay Office New York. Should we have declined to pay this deposit because of the *appearance* of postponing Nos. 82 to 99, the fact being that there were *not* coins on hand ~~to p~~ of such denominations as were needed for the payment of those numbers, while there *were* such as sufficed for the payment of No. 100? In deciding this question it appears to me there should be no hesitation in adopting the rule dictated by common sense, and accordingly the later deposit was paid.

Except in such cases as that indicated there is no variation from the rule of priority of payment according to priority of deposit. If all deposits were made payable in but one denomination of coin no *apparent* exception even could occur. For gold deposits (which are generally for double eagles) we are enabled to follow the rule with entire strictness, notwithstanding a contrary intimation of Messrs Trevor & Colgate.

It is appropriate to add that the business of the Mint is necessarily conducted to extreme disadvantage in consequence of our entirely inadequate Bullion Fund, or Government deposit. With a sufficient capital to supply us, in anticipation, with a stock of coins of the different denominations we could promptly meet the wants of depositors and the public, without annoying delays. With our present means we can only coin the bullion as it is brought to us. We have no means of providing coins, to an adequate extent in anticipation of the public demands.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Jam^s R. Snowden Esq
Director. Phil^a. March
20. 1861.

Generally in reply
to the complaint made
by Trevor & Colgate N.Y.
in relation to payment
of deposits. &c

see Copy of letter
filed
of Director to
Trevor & Colgate

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SPECIE, BULLION AND EXCHANGE OFFICE
OF
TREVOR & COLGATE,
47 Wall St.

NEW-YORK, 15 March 1861

Hon Salmon P Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington —

Dear Sir

It is unpleasant to make complaints but we would respectfully call your attention to the irregularities of the Philadelphia Mint, which results greatly to the prejudice of the New York Depositors — We have now Mint receipts, for Silver deposited for coinage in the New York Assay office *in January last*, *unsatisfied* — The silver was ~~was~~ refined & sent to Philadelphia soon after its deposit in New York & for which we can as yet receive no returns — The reply from Mr Snowden is that it is sent *as fast as coined* — The complaint is, that Parties, who make their deposits in Philadelphia, receive their returns in 8 to 10 days, while those who deposit in New York, cannot get theirs under *six weeks* — This custom has become so general, that parties send from New York & deposit in Phila for quick returns, incurring all expences of transportation, rather

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than suffer delay by depository here — The fault does not lie here — The silver goes to Phil'a promptly from our assay office, but the director discriminates in favor of Phil'a depositors, & that from the silver ~~on~~ furnished by New York Depositors The same complaint is good in regard to gold

We would not make these complaints were it not a serious inconvenience to us in our business being the second if not the largest depositor of Bullion for coinage in the States

Trusting that you will rectify this evil, by an order that each depositor shall ~~have~~ be satisfied in turn, the New York Assay office being considered as any other depositor — Trusting we shall have a remedy in this matter shortly we are very respectfully yours

Trevor & Colgate

P.S. These complaints are not of recent date & a change in that department, ~~[illegible]~~ can be no damage to the public interest —

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, March 20th. 1861.

Sir,

Referring to the letters from the Department under date of the 2nd. and 16th. insts I have the honor to present the following remarks for your consideration.

I entirely concur in the propriety of encouraging private refineries of gold bullion, which, operating upon the crude metal separate the silver which in its native condition always accompanies gold, and thus prepares it for coinage. And the laws on the subject indicate that the government should adopt that line of policy. But the discretion is given to the Secretary of the Treasury "to take order in relation to it" "if he shall deem them" (the "private establishments") "capable of ~~doing~~ executing the work."

As to San Francisco we have the affidavit of Mr. E. Justh; and the letter of Messrs. Duncan, Sherman & Co. stating

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that such an establishment has been created there; but as these gentlemen are interested in the question, and it is some months since the establishment referred to was in operation, it will be safest to derive our information from more recent, and from disinterested sources. I therefore recommend that instructions should be given to the Special Agent of the Treasury Department at San Francisco to ascertain, in connexion with the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, whether the work can be done there by private refiners in a satisfactory manner. If this investigation should prove satisfactory on that point, then the Superintendent may be directed to announce that after a certain day to be named by him no unrefined gold bullion would be received for coinage; that is to say bullion of lower fineness than, say, 990 thousandths.

In case this arrangement should be carried into effect, an incidental advantage will be gained, of some importance

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namely, the space now occupied for refining in the inconveniently small mint building at San Francisco may be used for purposes more immediately connected with the operation of coinage. This is very desirable especially as ~~the~~ from the production of the silver mines of that region the branch mint will be called on to execute a large silver coinage.

It occurred to me at first view to suggest that some limit should be made to the parting charges by the private refineries, but on a further consideration it appears evident that the public will be guaranteed against excessive charges by the fact that such charges would operate against the interests of the private refiners, inasmuch as it would lead to the exportation, to the markets of the world, of the unrefined bullion.

I would not recommend that we should dismantle entirely the refining

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apparatus at the Branch Mint; but ha it ~~to~~ arranged, as far as practicable, so that it may be re-established here again in case it is found necessary and expedient so to do.

If these views meet your appro val a copy of this letter might be ma a part of your instructions to the Agent of the Department at San Francisco; or, if you prefer it, I can make a direct communication to him, and to the Superintendent on the subject.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase,
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Office of Duncan, Sherman & Compy
Bankers, New York Feby 27th 1861

Copy

Honl John A Dix
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington

Sir

By Act of March 4th 1853 (C97 S5) Congress passed a law, authorizing & requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to exclude from the United States Mint at Philadelphia the business of Refining gold, whenever private Establishments for Refining gold should be made or created, capable of executing the work.

By an Act of Congress passed a few days since. the provision of the 5 Sec of chapter 97. of the act of March 4th 1853 is extended so as to apply to all the Branches of the United States Mint & the Assay office at New York, as well as to the Mint at Philadelphia.

Our object in presenting this subject is to inform you that in conjunction with Messrs Alsop & Co

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of San Francisco, we have for some time past conducted an extensive Gold Refinery in that City, which we beleive to be quite capable of Refining not only all the annual product of gold of California, but double that quantity.

During the last 6 months of the operation of this establishment, the amt of gold it refined was 50% in excess of that refined by the Mint at San Francisco.

Experience however taught us that the business of Refining cannot be carried on at the charge of 10¢ per oz (which was our charge) unless upon a *very large scale*; the expenses not increasing in proportion to the increased amount of Refining.

The business being thus *divided* between the Mint & our establishment could not be advantageously pursued & therefore about one month since we closed the Refinery

The law as it now stands presents some considerations for reopening it, if your Department are prepared to carry it out in its application to the *San Francisco Mint*

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To give effect to this you will wish to be assured of the capacity of our establishment to do the business there, in case the Mint ceases refining.

Will you permit us then to ask:—

First — What evidence on this point will be satisfactory to you?

Second — Will you issue instructions to close the business of Refining at the San Francisco Mint if we reopen our Refinery and you are satisfied of its capacity to meet the public requirements?

Our Refiner from California is now here & returns by the steamer from here on Friday next.

We shall feel obliged by as early a reply as your convenience will permit, in order that our instructions may follow him by the succeeding Mail.

We have the honor to be

Your most obt Servants

(signed) Duncan Sherman & Co

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Copy

Treasury Department

Feby 28th 1861

Gentlemen

Your letter of the 27th inst is received, the question of the expediency of giving orders to the Branch Mint at San Francisco to cease the Refining of gold Bullion, is regarded by the Secretary as too important a question to be acted on hastily, and he directs me to inform you that he will take it up, examine, and decide it as soon as possible

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servt
(Signed) Gilbert Rodman
Ass. Secretary of the Treasury

Messrs
Duncan Sherman & Co
New York

Office of Duncan, Sherman & Compy.
Bankers.

New York March 20th 1861

Hon. Salmon P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir,

We take the liberty to hand you copy of a letter which we had the honor to address to your department on the 27th day of February last, together with the Hon. Secretary's Reply, which explain themselves.

As the interests of many unemployed persons are concerned, the earliest convenient action of your Department on the question referred to is respectfully

Office of Duncan, Sherman & Comp'y.
Bankers, New York Feby 27th 1861

Hon. John A. Dix
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington,

Sir,

By Act of March 4th 1853. (C. 97. § 5.) Congress passed a law, authorizing & requiring the Secretary of the Treasury to exclude from the United States Mint at Philadelphia the business of Refining gold, whenever Private Establishments for Refining gold should be made or created, capable of executing the work

By an act of Congress passed a few days since the provision of the 5. Sec. of Chapter 97 of the act of March 4th 1853, is extended so as to apply to all the Branches of the United States Mint and the Assay Office at New York, as well as to the Mint at Philadelphia

Our object in presenting this subject is to inform you that in conjunction with Messrs Hoop & Co of San Francisco, we have for some time past conducted an extensive Gold Refinery in that City, which we believe to be quite capable of Refining not only all the annual products of gold of California, but double that quantity.

During the last 6 months of the operation of this Establishment, the amount of gold it refined was 50% in excess of that refined by the Mint at San Francisco.

Experience, however, taught us that the business of Refining cannot be carried on at the charge of 10¢ p oz (which was our charge) unless upon a *very large scale*, the expenses not increasing in proportion to the increased amount of Refining.

The business being thus *divided* between the Mint & our Establishment could not be advantageously pursued & therefore about one month since we closed ~~the~~ Refinery.

The law as it now stands presents some considerations for reopening it, if your Department are prepared to carry it out in its application to the *San Francisco Mint*.

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We have the honor to be
Your mo. ob. Servt.
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United States of America

State of New York } ss:

E. Justh of the City of San Francisco in the State of California being duly sworn says that he first commenced business as a Gold Refiner in said City in the year 1857 — That he then erected and now owns one of the largest, most expensive and perfect refineries in the World, capable of refining sixty millions of dollars per annum, and with the ability to increase the capacity of said refinery, to an almost indefinite extent.

That the U. S. Mint in San Francisco in the year 1860 coined about $13.000.000 and that during the same period deponent refined at his refinery aforesaid over $15.000.000 in gold.

That deponents reputation as a refiner is fully established and his stamp is recognised and passes current not only in America but in all the principal money markets of Europe.

E. Justh

Subscribed and Sworn to before me 28th day of February AD 1861

Edwin F. Corey

Notary Public in and for the State of New York, residing in the City of New York

Treasury Department
March 22d 1861

Sir

Your letter of the 20th inst in regard to the measures to be taken in regard to refining gold at San Francisco is received with its enclosures.

I approve of your suggestion that the Special agent of this Department and the Superintendent of the Branch Mint be called on to report upon the points suggested in your letter, and will thank you to give them the necessary instructions to make such report as soon as possible.

I have to day instructed Murray Whallon Esq the Special agent of the Department at San Francisco to co-operate with the Superintendent of the Branch Mint in the necessary investigation and report.

Very respectfully
Your obed Servt

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

Secretary of the Treasury

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Treasury Department
March 22d 1861

Sir

A recent Act of Congress authorizes this Department to discontinue the refining of gold bullion whenever it shall be satisfied that private refineries are in operation capable of executing the work.

Application having been made to discontinue the refinery at the Branch Mint at San Francisco, I have requested the Director of the Mint to call on you and the Superintendant of the Branch Mint for an official report on the subject, as the ground for the action of this Department. I will therefore thank you to co-operate with the Superintendent in making the necessary investigations, and in reporting the result at as early a period as possible.

Very respectfully
Your obed Ser

Murray Whallon Esq
Special agent of Treasury
San Francisco
Cal.

Secretary of the Treasury

Treasury Department.

G Rodman

Murray Whallon Esq
Special Agent of the Treasury
San Francisco
Cal.

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G Rodman

J. Ross Snowden Esq
Director of the Mint
Phila

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 23. 1861.

Sir,

The enclosed communication from the Superintendent of the Assay Office. N.Y. should have been included with the papers re-enclosed to the Department. in my letter of the 20th inst. in relation to encouraging private refineries of gold bullion. but was accidentally overlooked.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

Hon Salmon P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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U.S. Assay Office
New York
Feby 27th 1861

Sir

I venture to suggest to you the importance of taking immediate action under the act of Congress which passed a few days since (Sec 3d of the Legislative &c bill) by which the provisions of Sec 5th Ch 97 of the act of March 4th 1853 are extended to the Branch Mints and to this office. There is at San Francisco a private establishment capable of refining all the bullion that can be coined at the Branch Mint at that place and there is no necessity for the Govmt any longer to incur the heavy expense of keeping

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up a refinery at that branch - I hope you may find time to instruct the Superintendant of that Branch Mint to receive no deposit of unrefined bullion after the 15th day of April next, if the Private refinery be then in operation, as it doubtless will be.

I am very anxious to see the Refineries of the U.S. closed, and the business of refining bullion left to the enterprise of the private citizen in this Country s it is in every other - I know that he private refinery at San Francisco has een in operation for more than a year and , capable of meeting the public wants, & herefore I suggest early action at that Point.

with great respect

on- Jno. A. Dix
Secy Treasy } Yr friend S.F. Butterworth

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 23d 1861.

Sir,

In compliance with the wishes of the Department I have prepared; and herewith transmit, a set of the silver coins (and the cent) of the United States to be placed in the hands of W. Raasloff Esqr, Chargé d'affaires to the United States from Denmark.

If it is desired, by the Department, in presenting this honorarium, to make any reference to the coins of Denmark which were sent to the Mint by the Minister from that Kingdom, I would refer to my letter of the 13th April last in which the contribution was acknowledged.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your faithful servant

Hon. Salmon P. Chase. James Ross Snowden.
Secretary of the Treasury Director of the Mint.
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia March 26. 1861.

Sir.

I received yesterday your letter of the 22nd inst. calling my attention to the affairs of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega. The only information which I have received from thence is that contained in the official reports from the Superintendent. These reports have been continued without interruption. They contain a statement of the deposits & coinage, and the general operations of the branch Mint, and embrace the Month of February last. The coins for the annual assay for that month, have also been forwarded to me. In the reports and in the letters enclosing the same, the institution is, in the usual manner, referred to as a branch of the Mint of the United States.

I am not advised whether any drafts have been issued by the Department, on the United States Bullion Fund at that institution. A refusal to meet a draft of this character, for so much

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of the amount as might be in coin, would be conclusive evidence that the institution, although making regular reports to me, is not being lawfully conducted, and the Government in that case, might with propriety withhold from it the means of support.

So long as the branch Mint receives bullion and converts the same into coins of the United States according to law, and complies with the instructions and orders of the Department in relation to the coin and bullion in its possession, it may be inferred that the Officers in charge of it are conducting the institution in a lawful manner.

The U. S. Bullion Fund at the Branch Mint in question, on the 30th September last, amounted to the sum of $27,950.03, which was reduced to $25,688.15 by the payment therefrom of the ordinary expenses of the quarter ending on the 31st December last, amounting to $2,261.03. This the Superintendent states was done on account

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of not having received a draft for the expenses of that quarter and would be replaced when the draft was received. The Superintendent made a mistake in thus using the U. S. Bullion Fund for this purpose, but it may be ascribed to his want of knowledge of Mint accounts, he having occupied the position of Superintendent but for a few months and poſseſsing but little experience in Mint affairs. My attention has been called to this irregularity by reason of the accounts of the Branch Mint having been referred to me by the 1st Auditor for examination and revisal.

It will be observed that all the information which I poſseſs in the matter in question is derived from Official reports to me, and the examination of the last quarterly accounts. If facts are known to the Department, showing that the Branch Mint at Dahlonega does not recognize the authority of the United

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States, and is not legally conducted under the authority of the same, it would be proper to withhold the issuing of the Warran asked for by the Superintendent and Enclose in my letter of the 19th inst. I gave my approval of the requisition because, so far as was officially known to me, no chang had occurred in the manner of conducting its operations.

In view of the anomalous condition of affair in the Southern States, it occurs to me to suggest that, the condition of the branch Mints in that part of the Union, might with propriety, be made the subject of an examination by a special Agent of the Department.

I have the honor to be, with great respe

Your faithful Servant,

James Ross Snowden

Hon S. P. Chase, Director of the Mint

Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, March 30th 1861.

Sir,

I had hoped to have answered to-day your letter of the 27th inst, respecting the purchase of acids for the use of the Mint; but as some of the statistics, which I am desirous of presenting to you, have not been arranged, I must claim your indulgence until Monday.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden,
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 2. 1861.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business on the 30th ult. exhibited the following balance in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

In Gold Coins	$93,916.00
In Silver Coins	13,140.56
In Cent Coins	1,261.49
In Ordinary Fund	5,650.26
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$114,067.46

corresponding with the balance as stated upon his books of account.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with fidelity and care.

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offers to me: in regard to which I beg to state that I have no recollection of any offers having been made subsequently to 1856 when the contract was awarded to Mr Phillips. If any offers were made, as stated by these gentlemen, they must have been merely verbal ones, and made to some other Officer or person connected with the Mint; they certainly were never made to me, or communicated to me so far as I can recollect. If there had been such offer I would have gladly received and considered it; for although the amount of acid required by the Mint during the last few years has been very inconsiderable, yet I would have been glad to economise by availing myself of offers to supply at lower rates.

The Messrs Lennig insinuate that they have not supplied the Mint since "the administration of Dr Eckert:" and yet it will be noticed that they *did* furnish supplies to the amount of $73.777.01 since the administration of its affairs has been committed to my charge.

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Dr Eckert having resigned in March 1853.

Although as already observed the Mint requires but a small amount of parting acid, which can be purchased at favorable rates in the open market, I will, in order to avoid complaints of this character, on the expiration of the present agreement with Mr. Philips, which expires on the 16th. prox°, invite sealed proposals, from the different manufacturers in this City, for supplying the Mint with acid for one year, the same to be opened on a certain day, in the presence of the bidders who may choose to attend.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia. April 2. 1861.

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 27th ulto. enclosing a communication from Messrs C. & F. Lennig of this City to the Department respecting the furnishing of nitric acid for the use of the Mint, and asking a report on the subject.

It is with equal regret and surprise that I observe that the firm above mentioned has charged me with partiality in distributing the purchase of supplies of acid for the Mint. I am conscious of entire uprightness in the discharge of this duty, as well as all others connected with the supplies of the Mint, and the management of its affairs. The following tabular statement, drawn from the accounts of the Mint, shows the total value of acid supplied, during the years 1853-4-5 by three or four manufacturors and the proportion assigned to Messrs N. Lennig & Co, one of the parties.

Years	Total supply	No. of Manufacturers	Supplied by N. Lennig & Co.
1853	$89.796.61	3	$42.794.93
1854	67.891.81	3	22.692.09
1855	19.304.30	4	8.289.53
Total	$176.992.72		$73.776.55

It appears then that, during the years 1853.-4-5,

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Messrs N. Lennig & Co. supplied five twelfths ($\frac{5}{12}$), or nearly one half, of the whole amount, when there were three or four firms furnishing supplies. In other words Messrs N. Lennig & Co. received much the largest amount of business from the Mint.

The falling off in the quantity of acid used at this Mint commenced in the year 1854: in consequence of the establishment of the branch Mint at San Francisco, and of the Assay Office at New York. The former commenced operations on the 3d. of April of that year,— the latter on the 10th. of October. During the first half of the year 1855 the value of acid supplied to the Mint was $18,606.50, and the last half only $697.80. In consequence of this reduction, and the knowledge that it would be continued, it was determined in 1856, to receive acid from only one establishment and accordingly proposals for the supply of acid were asked for by advertising in Philadelphia, New York & Boston.

The result was, that the following offers were made by five parties:

Names of Bidders	Nitric acid, price per 100 lbs.	Sulphuric acid price per 100 lbs.
M. Phillips	$6.85	$1.75
C. J. Crease	7.00	-
N. Lennig & Co. Powers & Weightman } Jointly	7.12	1.87
J. R. Savage & Co	8.50	1.87

The contract was awarded to Mr Phillips, he being the

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lowest bidder.

Mr Phillips continued to supply the Mint at the above named rate until the 5th of November 1857, at which time he made a communication to me showing that he was suffering a loſs of one cent per pound on the acid delivered by him. This communication I referred to J. C. Booth Esq. the Melter & Refiner of the Mint, on whose report in its favor an advance in the price was made on certain conditions stated in the correspondence, copies of which are hereto annexed. This arrangement continued until May 1858, at which time the price was fixed at 7½ for acid of the strength of 39°, being one degree stronger than had been furnished previous to November 1857; since which time we have continued to pay the same price.

From the causes above mentioned the refining busineſs at this Mint has been quite small; the great amount of the bullion received being refined at New York, and at the Branch Mint at San Francisco, and foreign refined bullion, or composed of deposits of English and French coin, which do not require the parting process, in which operation acid is used. For example during the last fiscal year the amount of acid required in our operations did not exceed $1600.

I am fully convinced that Mr Phillips has supplied us with acid at the lowest market rate.

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This opinion is confirmed by an examination of the Confidential Circulars which are issued by the Manufacturers to Wholesale dealers. That of Messrs Powers & Weightman, the largest Manufacturers in this City, for the Years 1858. 1859 and 1860 are hereto attached. It will be seen by reference thereto that the prices are put at 7½ cents per pound of 38° degrees, delivered in large quantities, which is one degree below the strength of the acid we procure from Mr Phillips, and also delivered in carboys of less value than those we require, these being called box carboys. The Confidential Circular of Chas. J. Crease confirms the above prices The Messrs Lennig do not. so far as I can learn issue any confidential circulars.

In further proof of the fact that the price paid to Mr Phillips is low it may be stated that the supplies of acids obtained for the Assay Office at New York, from a large Chemical establishment in Brooklyn, has been at the same rates. The price of 7½ cents has been paid at the two institutions up to the present time because it was understood and believed to be the lowest price at which acid of the proper quality for Mint operations can be obtained.

The Messrs Lennig speak of having made

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(copy)

Philadelphia 10, Nov. 1857

Dear Sir

I have examined the letter of Mr W. Phillips in relation to the manufacture of Nitric acid for Parting gold, & also the production of acid & its cost. Altho' my results differ slightly from those of Mr P. yet they confirm his conclusion as to loſs on the contract.

There is always 5@10% in purity in commercial nitrate of soda, 5@10% loſs in making aqua fortis, and about the same amount in converting this into our Pure Parting acid. Hence the loſs in manufacturing may be estimated altogether at 25 pr. ct. I would make the following statement of cost & sale.

100 lbs. Coml. nitrate of soda @ 5cts =	$5.00
90 lb. " Oil of vitriol 2cts =	1.80
	$6.80

This, if pure & without waste, would make 127lb. of acid

or at 25% loſs for impurity & waste 95 lb Parting acid

95lb. costing $6.80 100 lb. will cost $7.16

but for 100 lb. @ 6.85 he receives 6.85

hence his loss on 100 lb. is ~~~ $0.31

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This calculation, it will be observed is wholly independent of wear & tear, wages, fuel, &c. which I have not data sufficient to calculate, but have reason to believe that it must be quite large, not leſs than .50 to .75cts. pr 100 lb. On the whole I think that at the present prices of Sulphur & nitrate of Soda, our Parting acid probably costs the manufacturer nearly $7\frac{7}{8}$ cts pr lb.

If you therefore incline to remit the stringency of the contract, & allow him $7\frac{3}{4}$ or $7\frac{7}{8}$ pr. lb. you might with propriety couple the allowance with the conditions:

1st. of returning to lower prices, as the prices of those articles fall in the market

2nd of giving us an acid which shall run up to 39° Beaum

The acid frequently weighs only 37° B. but it would work better at 39° B.

In all other respects of quality of acid, quantity & readineſs of supply, Mr P. has never failed but one single time, & then it was our own fault in not giving due notice of the supply needed

Very truly, yrs.
(signed) Jas C Booth
M & R

Hon J. R. Snowden
Director U.S. Mint
Phila

Philada November 5th 1857.

James Ross Snowden Esqr.
Supt. United States Mint.

Dear Sir.

It is with exceeding regret that I have to trouble you on a subject that is entirely to my own Interest, namely, to ask you to intercede for me with the Department in regard to my Contract with the U. S. Mint for the supply of Nitric acid. This year unforeseen circumstances, the War between India & England has caused such an advance on the price of Nitrate of Soda, that on every lb of Nitric Acid I furnish to your Mint & its Branches, I am the loser of at least 1c per lb. Knowing that our Government is just in all things, I am satisfied that on this representation they would sympathize with me & would not ask for the strict fulfilment of our Contract, but would consent to give me at least, the price which it costs me to manufacture. Proff. Booth being a Chemist knows the product we get from 1 lb of Nitrate of Soda in Nitric acid & I leave it to him to judge if my Statement is correct.

100 lbs of N. Soda & 90 lbs. 66° Oil of Vitriol will produce 100 lbs. of Comml. Aqua Fortis 36°÷37° degs Beaumé. 100 lbs of Comml. Aqua Fortis of that Strength, will give an average product of 90 lbs. Nitric acid, of the strength I supply to your Mint.

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Nitrate of Soda is now selling at 5^{c} per lb or \$5^{00} per 100 lbs, Nett Cash. Oil of Vitriol at 2^{c} per lb.

100 lbs Nitrate Soda. \$5.00
90 " Oil of Vitriol 1.80
\$6.80. cost of 90 lbs Nitric Acid.

The price I am now getting for Nitric Acid is \$6^{85} per 100 lbs. or \$6^{16} for 90 lbs Nitric acid.

You will observe that the raw Materials cost \$6.80 for 90 lbs.
& that I receive for the same quantity only \$6.16
making me a loser of ———— .64^{c} on every 90 lbs I deliver to the Government, without taking into consideration the labor for manufacturing, fuel, wear & tare of Apparatus which is considerable, delivery, keeping Carboys in repair, Interest on the cost of Carboys, breakage now & then of a Carboy of acid in Factory & in other ways &c.

If the above Statement proves to be correct, I am satisfied that you will at once see the justice of the matter & no doubt will recommend what is right. I beg to state that I do not ask this advance as a legal right, to the contrary, legally speaking, I am bound by the Contract between myself and the government, but I ask it as just between Man & Man. I will add, if this advance is granted or not (altho' it would be very hard on me if it is not) I will still go on with the supply as punctually as ever.

I will close by saying, that I ask the advance of One cent per lb on the price of Nitric Acid & no

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advance on any of the other acids. I remain your most obedient servant.

Myro Phillips

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Mr Em

POWERS & WEIGHTMAN,

MANUFACTURING CHEMISTS,

S. W. CORNER NINTH AND PARRISH STREETS,
PHILADELPHIA.

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ILLIAM WEIGHTMAN.

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Subject to fluctuations in the Market.

ARTICLES.			
CETONE (PYROACETIC SPIRIT),	lb.	2 —	
See Wood Naphtha, at 70 cents.			
CID, ACETIC, No. 8,	"	11	
GLACIAL,	"	1 15	
CITRIC,	"	75	
GALLIC, in oz. vials,	oz.	35	
in bulk,	lb.	5 —	
MURIATIC, in carboys,	"	2¼	
PALE,	"	3	
CHEM. PURE,	"	20	
NITRIC, 38°, in carboys,	"	8	✓
10 carboys or more,	"	7½	
41°, in carboys,	"	9	
PARTING, in carboys,	"	8	
10 carboys or more,	"	7½	
CHEM. PURE,	"	20	
PHOSPHORIC, GLACIAL,	"	2 25	
in oz. vials,	oz.	20	
solution,	lb.	60	
PRUSSIC, U. S. P., oz. vials,	oz.	14	
in tin cases, 17	"	~~18~~	
PYROGALLIC,	"	~~1 80~~	1.50
SUCCINIC,	"	~~55~~	50
SULPHURIC, CHEM. PURE,	lb.	28	
OIL OF VITRIOL, in carboys,	"	2	✓
FUMING (NORDHAUSEN),	"	20	
TARTARIC, powd., in 50 lb. boxes,	"	42	
(250 lbs. at 40.)			
CONITIA, in ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	~~28~~ —	26 —
LUM,	lb.	2¼	
GROUND,	"	2⅜	
MMONIA, AQUA, F. F. F., in carboys,	"	9	
LIQUOR, CONCENTRATED,	"	18	
SPIRITS,	"	15	
AROMATIC,	"	22	
ARSENIATE,	oz.	35	
HYDROSULPH:	lb.	50	
IODIDE,	oz.	75	
NITRATE, CRYSTALS,	lb.	45	
FUSED,	"	70	
OXALATE,	"	1 50	
PHOSPHATE,	"	90	
VALERIANATE,	oz.	1 50	
NTIMONY, DIAPHORETIC,	lb.	90	
CHLORIDE, CRYSTALS,	"	2 50	
SOLUT: (Butter of Antim.),	"	20	
SULPHURET, PRECIP:,	"	45	
TARTRATE, POWD:, in 50 lb. boxes,	"	45	
CRYSTALS,	"	55	
QUA-FORTIS, in carboys,	"	6	
RSENIC, SOLUT: (FOWLER'S),	"	15	
IODIDE,	oz.	65	
SOLUT: (DONOVAN'S),	lb.	20	
ROPIA,	oz.	~~28~~ —	26 —
COHOL, DRUGGISTS' (80 per cent.), According to market price of spirit.	gal.		
EXTRA (95 "),	"		
DEODORIZED,	"		
RK, CALISAYA, quill,	lb.	1 —	
powdered,	"	1 15	

ARTICLES.			
BARK, RED, in quill,	lb.	1 10	
powdered,	"	1 25	
☞ Please specify, when ordering, whether Quill or Powder is wanted.			
BARYTA, PURE,	oz.	25	
ACETATE,	"	15	
MURIATE,	lb.	35	
NITRATE,	"	35	
BEBEERINE, PURE,	oz.	2 25	
SULPHATE,	"	1 50	
BISMUTH, OXYCHLORIDE,	lb.	1 —	
SUBNITRATE,	"	1 05	
VALERIANATE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	2 —	
BLACK DROP,	lb.	1 50	
BLUE PILL, in lb. jars,	"	48	
50 lbs. or more,	"	45	
BLUE VITRIOL, (5000 lbs. 10¾)	"	11	
BRUCIA,	oz.	2 —	
SULPHATE,	"	2 —	
	"	5 —	
CAFFEINE,	"	~~30~~	25
CADMIUM,	"	75	
BROMIDE,	"	75	
IODIDE,	"	~~40~~	35
SULPHATE,	lb.	75	
CALOMEL, in 25 lb. boxes,	"	80	
HYDROSUBLIMED, in lb. bottles,	"	75	
in bulk, 25 lb. boxes,	"	70	
CALCIUM, CHLORIDE,	"	50	
CARBON, BISULPHURET,	oz.	15	
oz. vials,	lb.	4 —	
CHINOIDINE (see Ext: Bark Prec: at $3), 50 .25	oz.	28	
PURIFIED, in ounce rolls,	lb.	1 20	
CHLOROFORM,			
☞ This article is higher than usual on account of the high price of Chloride of Lime.			
	oz.	50	
CINCHONIA, in oz. vials,	"	50	
SULPH: in oz. vials,	"	18 —	
CODEINE,	lb.	62	
COLLODION,	doz.	1 25	
in oz. vials,	lb.	70	
COPPER, AMMONIATED,	oz.	30	
ARSENIATE,	"	20	
ARSENITE,	"	25	
CYANIDE,	"	50	
IODIDE,	lb.	50	
NITRATE,	oz.	18	
OXIDE,	lb.		
SULPHATE, (See Blue Vitriol)	"	1	
COPPERAS,	"	67	
CORROSIVE SUBLIMATE, in 25 lb. boxes,	"	30	
CROCUS METALLORUM,			
	oz.	20 —	
DELPHINIA,	lb.	1 40	
DOVER'S POWDER,			
	"	34	
ETHER, ACETIC,	"	5 —	
BUTYRIC,	"	75	
BUTYRACEOUS,	"	25	
CHLORIC (CHLORINE ETHER),	"	48	
CONCENTRATED,	"	~~13~~	12½
NITROS, SPIRIT OF, in carboys,			

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ARTICLES.			
ETHER, SULPHURIC, in carboys,	lb.	22	
WASHED,	"	25	
CONCENTRATED,	"	30	
EMETINE, ¼ oz. vials,	oz.	1 50	
EPSOM SALT, 5 barrels,	lb.	2¼	
(25 bbls. 2⅛),			
ERGOTINE, ¼ oz. vials,	oz.	1 —	
EXT: BARK PRECIP:,	lb.	3 —	
oz. pots, with directions,	oz.	22	
COLOCYNTH COMP:,	lb.	1 75	
CUBEBS, ETHEREAL,	"	3 —	
JALAP,	"	1 85	
NUX VOMICA ALC:,	oz.	20	
VALERIAN, ETHEREAL,	lb.	70	
GLYCERINE,	"	60	
PURE, 1.30	"	~~1 30~~	~~1.40~~
GOLD, CHLORIDE, 15 grain bottles,	doz.	7 25	
and SODIUM, CHLORIDE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	8 —	
HYPOSULPH: (WHITE SALT), 15 gr. bottles,	doz.	6 50	
OXIDE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	24 —	
GRANVILLE'S LOTION,	lb.	16	
HOFFMAN'S ANODYNE,	"	15	
IODINE, RESUBLIMED,	"	4 75	
in oz. vials,	oz.	36	
BROMIDE, " "	"	65	
CHLORIDE, " "	"	65	
IRON, by HYDROGEN (QUEVENNE'S),	lb.	3 —	
AMMONIATED (FLORES MARTIALES),	"	22	
AMMONIO-TARTRATE,	"	1 40	
in oz. vials,	oz.	12	
ARSENIATE, in oz. vials,	"	30	
BROMIDE, " "	"	60	
CARB: PRECIP:,	lb.		
150 lbs.,	"	13	
PROTO (VALLET'S MASS), 4 oz. pots,	"	40	
CITRATE,	"	1 40	
in oz. vials,	oz.	12	
and MAGNESIA, CITRATE, in oz. vials,	"	12½	
FERROCYANIDE,	lb.	1 —	
in oz. vials,	oz.	8	
HYDR: PEROXIDE (Ant. for Arsenic),	lb.	35	
IODIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	35	
SYRUP,	lb.	56	
LACTATE, in oz. vials,	oz.	16	
MURIATE, in carboys,	lb.	5	
TINCTURE,	"	15	
NITRATE, in carboys,	"	8	
OXIDE, BLACK,	"	25	
PERNITRATE,	"	30	
PHOSPHATE,	"	30	
SESQUICHLORIDE,	oz.	25	
SULPHATE, CRYSTALS,	lb.	5	
EXSICCAT:,	"	10	
SULPHURET,	"	20	
TANNATE,	oz.	28	
POTASSIO-TARTRATE, COMMON,	lb.	33	
PLATES,	"	1 40	
oz. vials,	oz.	12	
VALERIANATE, ¼ oz. vials,	"	1 25	
KERMES MINERAL,	lb.	90	
LEAD, IODIDE,	oz.	35	
NITRATE, in barrels,	lb.	11	
SUBACET:, LIQUID (GOULARD'S EXT.),	"	12½	
LIME, CARB: PRECIP:,	"	15	
PHOSPHATE, PRECIP:,	"	22	
LUNAR CAUSTIC, PURE,	oz.	1 05	
No. 2 (67 per cent. Nitrate Silver),	"	73	
MAGNESIA, SULPH: (SEE EPSOM SALT),	lb.		

ARTICLES.			
MANGANESE, CARB:,	oz.	25	
IODIDE,	"	1 50	
SULPHATE,	"	25	
MECONINE,	"	20 —	
MENISPERMIN,	"	1 50	
MERCURY, in flasks, CASH (5 flasks 50),	lb.	52	
DISTILLED, CASH,	"	70	
CYANIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	27	
IODIDE, PROTO and PER, in oz. vials,	"	35	
OXIDE, BLACK, in oz. vials,	"	20	
SUBSULPH: (TURPETH MINERAL),	lb.	95	
SULPHURET (BLACK ETHIOPS do.),	"	60	
with CHALK (HYDRARG. c. CRETA),	"	35	
MERCURIAL OINTMENT, half Mercury,	"	55	
MORPHIA, SULPHATE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	4 25	
ACETATE,	"	4 25	
MURIATE,	"	4 25	
VALERIANATE, ¼ oz. vials,	"	5 75	
PURE, ALKALOID,	"	~~5 75~~	6 —
NARCOTINE,	"	1 25	
OIL OF BLACK PEPPER,	lb.	50	
CLOVES,	"	1 10	
30 lbs. or more,	"	1 —	
COPAIBA,	"	1 10	
CUBEBS,	"	4 —	
ERGOT, in oz. vials,	oz.	30	
PIMENTA,	lb.	10 —	
in oz. vials,	oz.	65	
TOBACCO, in oz. vials and tin cases,	"	1 37½	
OPIUM, DENARCOTIZED,	lb.	9 —	
PICROTOXIN,	oz.	2 —	
PIPERINE,	lb.	7 50	
in oz. vials,	oz.	50	
POTASSIUM, in ¼ oz. vials,	"	4 50	
BROMIDE,	lb.	3 25	
in oz. vials,	oz.	23	
CYANIDE, FUSED (50 lbs. 70),	lb.	75	
GRANULAR, .90	"	~~1~~ —	
IODIDE (HYDRIOD: POTASSA),	"	3 75	
oz. vials,	oz.	27	
IODO-HYDRARG:,	"	50	
POTASSA, CAUSTIC, COMMON,	lb.	40	
WHITE,	"	70	
cum CALCE (VIENNA CAUSTIC),	"	45	
LIQUOR,	"	12	
ACETATE,	"	60	
CARB: (SAL TARTAR),	"	11	
BI-CARB:, CRYSTALS,	"	22	
CHLORATE,	"	40	
CITRATE,	"	80	
SULPHATE, CRYSTALS,	"	8½	
POWDERED,	"	9	
SULPHURET (LIVER SULPHUR),	"	20	
TARTRATE (SOLUBLE TARTAR),	"	35	
PULVIS ANTIMONIALIS,	"	45	
QUINIA, SULPHATE, 50 or 100 ozs., ☞ This quotation is with a discount of 2 per cent. for notes at 4 months, or 5 per cent. for cash.	oz.	1 40	
PURE, ALKALOID,	"	2 25	
AMORPHOUS, in oz. pots,	"	30	
ACETATE,	"	2 —	
ARSENIATE,	"	3 50	
CITRATE,	"	2 —	
WITH IRON,	"	50	
FERROCYANIDE,	"	2 —	
IODIDE,	"	2 25	
MURIATE,	"	2 —	
TANNATE,	"	2 —	
VALERIANATE, ⅛ oz. vials,	"	4 50	

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ARTICLES.			
NIDIA,	oz.	1 50	
SULPHATE,	"	1 50	
CKSILVER, in flasks, CASH (5 flasks 50),	lb.	52	
PRECIPITATE, in 25 lb. boxes,	"	83	
HELLE SALT, POWDERED, in 50 lb. boxes,	"	28	
DLITZ MIXTURE, in 50 lb. boxes,	"	23	
ACETOSELLA,	"	36	
PRUNELLE, BALLS,	"	25	
TARTAR,	"	11	
ICINE, in oz. vials,	oz.	42	
TONINE, in oz. vials,	"	1 —	
VER, CHLORIDE,	"	1 30	
CYANIDE,	"	1 55	
IODIDE,	"	1 55	
NITRATE, CRYSTALS,	"	1 05	
FUSED (See Lunar Caustic),	"		
☞ Please specify, when ordering, whether Crystals or Lunar Caustic is wanted.			
OXIDE, in oz. vials,	"	1 55	
DA, CAUSTIC, BY LIME,	lb.	40	
ACETATE,	"	50	
CHLORIDE, LIQUID,	gal.	35	
in bottles, with directions,	doz.	2 25	
HYDROSULPHATE,	lb.	75	
HYPOSULPHITE,	"	17	
PHOSPHATE,	"	22	
& AMMON: PHOSPH: (MICROCOSMIC SALT),	"	1 —	
DIUM, in ¼ oz. vials,	oz.	4 50	
RITS AMMONIA,	lb.	15	
AROMATIC,	"	22	
ETHER CHLOR:,	"	40	
NITROS, in carboys,	"	~~13~~	12½
LAVENDER,	"	13	
MYRISTICA,	"	13	

ARTICLES.			
SPIRITS PIMENTA,	lb.	13	
ROSEMARY,	"	13	
STRONTIA, MURIATE,	"	35	
NITRATE,	"	35	
STRYCHNIA, POWDERED, in ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	2 60	
CRYSTALS, " "	"	~~3 10~~	3 —
ACETATE,	"	2 75	
NITRATE,	"	3 25	
SULPHATE,	"	2 60	
SULPHUR, PRECIPITATED, PURE,	lb.	22	
IODIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	35	—
TANNIN,	lb.	1 70	
in oz. vials, packed in barrels,	oz.	15	
THEINE,	"	5 —	
TIN, MURIATE, CRYSTALS,	lb.	33	
SOLUTION, in carboys,	"	11	
OXYMURIATE, SOLUTION, in carboys.	"	11	
VERATRIA, in ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	~~3 50~~	3.25
VERMILION, in bulk,	lb.	85	
WHITE PRECIPITATE,	"	1 —	
WOOD NAPHTHA (PYROXYLIC SPIRIT),	"	70	
ZINC, ACETATE,	"	65	
CHLORIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	12½	
SOLUTION,	lb.	12	
CYANIDE, in oz. vials.	oz.	~~18~~	16
FERROCYANIDE, in oz. vials,	"	~~18~~	16
IODIDE, in oz. vials,	"	50	
OXIDE (CARB: OR FLOWERS ZINC).	lb.	25	
SULPHATE, CRYSTALS, in barrels,	"	5	
VALERIANATE, ¼ oz. vials,	oz.	1 25	

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ACETONE (PYROACETIC SPIRIT),	lb.	2 —	
See Wood Naphtha, at 60 cents.			
ACID, ACETIC, No. 8,	"	11	
GLACIAL,	"	1 12½	
CITRIC,	"	~~60~~	63
GALLIC, in oz. vials,	oz.	31	
in bulk,	lb.	4 50	
MURIATIC, in carboys,	"	2	
PALE,	"	2½	
CHEM. PURE,	"	20	
NITRIC, 38°, in carboys,	"	8	
10 carboys or more,	"	7½	
41°, in carboys,	"	9	
PARTING, in carboys,	"	8	
10 carboys or more,	"	7½	
CHEM. PURE,	"	20	
PHOSPHORIC, GLACIAL,	"	2 25	
in oz. vials,	oz.	20	
solution,	lb.	60	
PRUSSIC, U. S. P., oz. vials,	oz.	12½	
in tin cases,	"	16	
PYROGALLIC,	"	1 40	
SUCCINIC,	"	45	
SULPHURIC, CHEM. PURE,	lb.	25	
OIL OF VITRIOL, in carboys,	"	2¼	
FUMING (NORDHAUSEN),	"	20	
TARTARIC,	"		
ACONITIA, in ⅛ oz. vials,	⅛ oz.	3 25	
ALUM (25 bbls. 2¼),	lb.	2⅜	
GROUND (25 bbls. 2⅜),	"	2½	
AMMONIA, AQUA, F. F. F., in carboys,	"	8	
LIQUOR, CONCENTRATED,	"	16	
SPIRITS,	"	13	
AROMATIC,	"	21	
ARSENIATE,	oz.	35	
BROMIDE,	"	50	
HYDROSULPH:	lb.	50	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	"	5 50	
"	oz.	40	
IODIDE,	"	50	
NITRATE, CRYSTALS,	lb.	45	
FUSED,	"	70	
OXALATE,	"	1 50	
PHOSPHATE,	"	85	
SULPHATE, in casks,	"	5½	
VALERIANATE,	oz.	1 15	
ANTIMONY, DIAPHORETIC,	lb.	90	
CHLORIDE, CRYSTALS,	"	2 50	
SOLUT: (Butter of Antim.),	"	20	
SULPHURET, PRECIP:,	"	45	
TARTRATE, POWD:, in 50 lb. boxes,	"	45	
CRYSTALS,	"	55	
AQUA-FORTIS, in carboys,	"	6	
ARSENIC, SOLUT: (FOWLER'S),	"	15	
IODIDE,	oz.	65	
SOLUT: (DONOVAN'S),	lb.	20	
TROPIA, in ⅛ oz. vials,	⅛ oz.	3 25	
LCOHOL, DRUGGISTS' (80 per cent.), According to market price of spirit.	gal.		
EXTRA (95 "),	"		
DEODORIZED,	"		

ARTICLES.			
BARK, CALISAYA, quill,	lb.	85	
powdered,	"	1 —	
RED, in quill,	"	1 —	
powdered,	"	1 15	
☞ Please specify, when ordering, whether Quill or Powder is wanted.			
BARYTA, PURE,	oz.	25	
ACETATE,	"	15	
MURIATE,	lb.	30	
NITRATE,	"	35	
BEBEERINE, PURE,	oz.	2 25	
SULPHATE,	"	1 40	
BISMUTH, CARBONATE,	lb.	1 50	
OXYCHLORIDE,	"	1 25	
SUBNITRATE,	"	1 30	
VALERIANATE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	1 80	
BLACK DROP,	lb.	1 75	
BLUE PILL, in lb. jars,	"	46	
50 lbs. or more,	"	44	
BLUE VITRIOL (5000 lbs. 9¼),	"	9½	
BRUCIA,	oz.	2 —	
SULPHATE,	"	2 —	
CAFFEINE,	"	5 —	
CADMIUM,	lb.	2 50	
"	oz.	20	
BROMIDE,	"	45	
IODIDE,	"	50	
SULPHATE, RIT),	"	55	
CALOMEL, in 25 lb. boxes,			
HYDROSUBLIMED, in lb. b			
☞ We have this article	"	65	
blue bottles. Should the l c),	"	25	
please specify.			
in bulk	oz.	12	
CALCIUM, CHLORIDE,	lb.	12	
CARBON, BISULPHURET,	oz.	16	
oz. v ls,	"	16	
CHINOIDINE (see Ext: Bark Prec: at	"	45	
	lb.	25	
PURIFIED, in ounce rol rrels,	"	5	
CHLOROFORM,	oz.	1 00	
CINCHONIA, in oz. vials,	"	1 10	
SULPH: in oz. vials,	"	1 15	
CODEINE,			
COLLODION,			
in oz. vials,			
COPPER, AMMONIATED,			
ARSENIATE,			
ARSENITE,			
CYANIDE,			
IODIDE,			
NITRATE,			
OXIDE, BLACK ($1 50 l			
SULPHATE (see Blue V			
COPPERAS,			
CORROSIVE SUBLIMATE, in 25			
CROCUS METALLORUM,			
DELPHINIA, in ⅛ oz. vials,			
DOVER'S POWDER,			
ETHER, ACETIC,			
BUTYRACEOUS,			

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other explosive burning-fluids, and
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ARTICLES.			
ETHER, CHLORIC (CHLORINE ETHER),	lb.	25	
CONCENTRATED,	"	48	
NITROS, SPIRIT OF, in carboys,	"	11	
SULPHURIC, in carboys,	"	20	
WASHED,	"	22	
CONCENTRATED,	"	26	
EMETINE, ¼ oz. vials,	oz.	1 50	
EPSOM SALT, 5 barrels,	lb.	2⅜	
(25 bbls. 2¼),			
☞ Our orders for this article are still in advance.			
ERGOTINE, ¼ oz. vials,	oz.		
EXT: BARK PRECIP:,	lb.	2 50	
oz. pots, with directions,	oz.	20	
COLOCYNTH COMP:,	lb.	1 90	
CUBEBS, ETHEREAL,	"	3 —	
JALAP,	"		
NUX VOMICA ALC:,	oz.	20	
VALERIAN, ETHEREAL,	lb.	70	
GLYCERINE,	"	45	
PRICE'S,	"	1 25	
GOLD, CHLORIDE, 15 grain bottles,	doz.	7 25	
and SODIUM, CHLORIDE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	8 —	
HYPOSULPH: (WHITE SALT), 15 gr. bottles,	doz.	6 50	
OXIDE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	24 —	
GRANVILLE'S LOTION,	lb.	16	
HOFFMAN'S ANODYNE,	"	14	
HYPOPHOSPHITE AMMONIA,	oz.	40	
IRON,	"	40	
LIME,	"	37	
POTASSA,	"	37	
SODA,	"	40	
HYPOPHOSPHITES, in bulk,	lb.	5 50	
IODINE, CRUDE,	"	3 50	
RESUBLIMED,	"	3 75	
in oz. vials,	oz.	28	
BROMIDE, " "	"	60	
CHLORIDE, " "	"	60	
),	lb.	3 —	
TIALES),	"	20	
	"	1 35	
oz. vials,	oz.	12	
	"	30	
	"	60	
	lb.		
	"	12½	
ss), bulk,	"	28	
4 oz. pots,	"	40	
	"	1 35	
	oz.	12	
, in oz. vials,	"	12½	
	lb.	1 —	
ls,	oz.	8	
	"	40	
Arsenic),	lb.	35	
	oz.	35	
	lb.	52	
le in both glass bottles. Should d on account of cify.			
	oz.	16	
	lb.	5	
	"	15	
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	"	30	
	"	30	
	oz.	25	
	lb.	5	
	"	10	
	"	20	

ARTICLES.			
	oz.	28	
OMMON,	lb.	33	
LATES,	"	1 35	
oz. vials,	oz.	12	
	"	1 —	
,	"	1 10	
	"	1 15	
KERMES MINERAL,	lb.	90	
LEAD, IODIDE,	oz.	33	
NITRATE,	lb.	15	
SUBACET:, LIQUID (GOULARD'S EXT.),	"	12½	
LIME, CARB: PRECIP:,	"	15	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	"	5 50	
"	oz.	37	
PHOSPHATE, PRECIP:,	lb.	22	
LUNAR CAUSTIC, PURE,	oz.	1 —	
No. 2 (67 per cent. Nitrate Silver),	"	70	
100 ozs. or more, 63 cts. net cash,			
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MAGNESIA, SULPH: (SEE EPSOM SALT),	lb.		
MANGANESE, CARB:,	oz.	25	
IODIDE,	"	1 50	
SULPHATE,	"	20	
MECONINE,	"	20 —	
MENISPERMIN,	"	1 50	
MERCURY, in flasks, CASH,	lb.	53	
DISTILLED, CASH,	"	70	
CYANIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	27	
IODIDE, PROTO and PER, in oz. vials,	"	33	
OXIDE, BLACK, in oz. vials,	"	20	
SUBSULPH: (TURPETH MINERAL),	lb.	1 —	
SULPHURET (BLACK ETHIOPS do.),	"	60	
with CHALK (HYDRARG. C. CRETA),	"	40	
MERCURIAL OINTMENT, half Mercury,	"	50	
MORPHIA, SULPHATE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	4 80	
ACETATE,	"	4 80	
MURIATE,	"	4 80	
VALERIANATE, ¼ oz. vials,	"	5 75	
PURE, ALKALOID,	"	6 —	
NARCOTINE,	"	1 25	
OIL OF BLACK PEPPER,	lb.	50	
CLOVES,	"	1 —	
30 lbs. or more,	"	90	
COPAIBA,	"	1 40	
CUBEBS,	"	4 75	
ERGOT, in oz. vials,	oz.	35	
PIMENTA,	lb.	8 —	
in oz. vials,	oz.	55	
TOBACCO, in oz. vials and tin cases,	"	1 37½	
OPIUM, DENARCOTIZED,	lb.	10 —	
PICROTOXIN,	oz.	2 —	
PIPERINE,	lb.	6 75	
in oz. vials,	oz.	45	
POTASSIUM, in ¼ oz. vials,	"	4 —	
BROMIDE,	lb.	3 —	
in oz. vials,	oz.	21	
CYANIDE, FUSED, (100 lbs. 68),	lb.	70	
GRANULAR,	"	85	
IODIDE (HYDRIOD: POTASSA),	"	~~2 —~~	2 80
oz. vials,	oz.	~~22~~	21
IODO-HYDRARG:,	"	50	
POTASSA, CAUSTIC, COMMON,	lb.	40	
WHITE,	"	70	
cum CALCE (VIENNA CAUSTIC),	"	40	
LIQUOR,	"	12	
ACETATE,	"	55	

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ARTICLES.			
POTASSA, CARB: (Sal Tartar),	lb.	10	
BI-CARB:, crystals,	"	20	
CHLORATE, (100 lbs. 33),	"	35	
CITRATE,	"	65	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	"	5 50	
"	oz.	37	
PERMANGANATE, com.,	lb.	90	
pure,	oz.	37½	
PHOSPHATE,	lb.	3 —	
"	oz.	24	
SULPHATE, crystals,	lb.	8	
in barrels,	"	7½	
powdered,	"	8½	
in barrels,	"	8	
SULPHURET (Liver Sulphur),	"	20	
TARTRATE (Soluble Tartar),	"	40	
PULVIS ANTIMONIALIS,	"	45	
QUINIA, SULPHATE, 100 ozs. or more, ☞ Usual discount of 5 per cent. for cash, or we allow 2 per cent. discount for 4 months notes, for this article.	oz.	1 40	
PURE, alkaloid,	"	2 12½	
AMORPHOUS, in oz. pots,	"	25	
ACETATE,	"	1 90	
ARSENIATE,	"	3 50	
CITRATE,	"	1 90	
with Iron,	"	47	
FERROCYANIDE,	"	1 80	
IODIDE,	"	2 12½	
MURIATE,	"	1 90	
TANNATE,	"	1 80	
VALERIANATE, ½ oz. vials,	"	3 37½	
QUINIDIA,	"	1 35	
SULPHATE,	"	1 20	
QUICKSILVER, in flasks (cash),	lb.	53	
RED PRECIPITATE, in 25 lb. boxes,	"	80	
ROCHELLE SALT, powdered, in 50 lb. boxes,	"	~~30~~	33
" " " in barrels,	"	~~29~~	32
SEIDLITZ MIXTURE, in 50 lb. boxes,	"	~~25~~	28
" " in barrels,	"	~~24~~	27
SAL ACETOSELLA,	"	36	
PRUNELLE, balls,	"	25	
TARTAR,	"	10	
SALICINE, in oz. vials,	oz.	40	
SANTONINE, in oz. vials,	"	75	
"	lb.	11 50	
SILVER, CHLORIDE,	oz.	1 30	
CYANIDE,	"	1 55	
IODIDE,	"	1 55	
NITRATE, crystals,	"	1 —	
100 ozs., net cash,	"	92	
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SILVER, OXIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	1 55	
SODA, CAUSTIC, by Lime,	lb.	40	
ACETATE,	"	45	
CHLORIDE, LIQUID,	gal.	35	
in bottles, with directions,	doz.	2 25	
HYDROSULPHATE,	lb.	75	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	"	5 50	
"	oz.	40	
HYPOSULPHITE,	lb.	15	
PHOSPHATE,	"	18	
& AMMON: PHOSPH: (Microcosmic Salt),	"	1 —	
SODIUM, in ¼ oz. vials,	oz.	3 —	
SPIRITS AMMONIA,	lb.	13	
AROMATIC,	"	21	
ETHER CHLOR:,	"	40	
NITROS, in carboys,	"	11	
LAVENDER,	"	13	
MYRISTICA,	"	13	
PIMENTA,	"	13	
ROSEMARY,	"	13	
STRONTIA, MURIATE,	"	35	
NITRATE,	"	35	
STRYCHNIA, powdered, in ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	2 25	
crystals, " "	"	2 50	
ACETATE,	"	2 30	
NITRATE,	"	3 —	
SULPHATE,	"	2 25	
SULPHUR, PRECIPITATED, pure,	lb.	18	
IODIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	33	
TANNIN,	lb.	1 60	
in oz. vials, packed in barrels,	oz.	14	
THEINE,	"	5 —	
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solution, in carboys,	"	12½	
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WOOD NAPHTHA (Pyroxylic Spirit),	"	55	
ZINC, ACETATE,	"	65	
CARBONATE (Flowers Zinc),	"	25	
CHLORIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	12	
solution,	lb.	12	
CYANIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	16	
FERROCYANIDE, in oz. vials,	"	16	
IODIDE, in oz. vials,	"	45	
OXIDE (true),	lb.	25	
SULPHATE, crystals, in barrels,	"	5	
VALERIANATE, oz. vials,	oz.	1 00	
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PHOSPHORIC, GLACIAL,	"	2 25	
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solution,	lb.	60	
PRUSSIC, U. S. P., oz. vials,	oz.	12½	
in tin cases,	"	16	
PYROGALLIC,	"	1 40	
SUCCINIC,	"	45	
SULPHURIC, CHEM. PURE,	lb.	25	
OIL OF VITRIOL, in carboys,	"	2¼	
FUMING (NORDHAUSEN),	"	20	
TARTARIC, parcels of 5 cases,	"	60	
VALERIANIC,	oz.	1 25	
ACONITIA, in ⅛ oz. vials,	⅛ oz.	3 25	
ALUM (25 bbls. 2¼),	lb.	2⅜	
GROUND (25 bbls. 2⅜),	"	2½	
AMMONIA, AQUA, F. F. F., in carboys,	"	7	
LIQUOR, CONCENTRATED,	"	16	
SPIRITS,	"	13	
AROMATIC,	"	21	
ARSENIATE,	oz.	35	
BROMIDE,	"	50	
HYDROSULPH:	lb.	50	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	"	5 —	
"	oz.	37	
IODIDE,	"	50	
NITRATE, CRYSTALS,	lb.	45	
FUSED,	"	70	
OXALATE,	"	1 50	
PHOSPHATE,	"	85	
SULPHATE, in casks,	"	5	
VALERIANATE,	oz.	1 12½	
ANTIMONY, DIAPHORETIC,	lb.	90	
CHLORIDE, CRYSTALS,	"	2 50	
SOLUT: (Butter of Antim.),	"	20	
SULPHURET, PRECIP:,	"	45	
TARTRATE, POWD:, in 50 lb. boxes.	"	45	
CRYSTALS,	"	55	
AQUA-FORTIS, in carboys,	"	6	
ARSENIC, SOLUT: (FOWLER'S),	"	15	
IODIDE,	oz.	65	
SOLUT: (DONOVAN'S),	lb.	20	
ATROPIA, in ⅛ oz. vials,	⅛ oz.	3 25	
BARK, CALISAYA, quill,	lb.	1 —	
powdered,	"	1 15	

ARTICLES.			
BARK, RED, in quill,	lb.	1 —	
powdered,	"	1 15	
☞ Please specify, when ordering, whether Quill or Powder is wanted.			
BARYTA, PURE,	oz.	25	
ACETATE,	"	15	
MURIATE,	lb.	30	
NITRATE,	"	35	
BEBEERINE, PURE,	oz.	2 25	
SULPHATE,	"	1 40	
BISMUTH, CARBONATE,	lb.	1 75	
OXYCHLORIDE,	"	1 45	
SUBNITRATE,	"	1 50	
VALERIANATE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	1 50	
BLACK DROP,	lb.	1 75	
BLUE PILL, in lb. jars,	"	46	
50 lbs. or more,	"	44	
BLUE VITRIOL (5000 lbs. 9¼),	"	9½	
BRUCIA,	oz.	2 —	
SULPHATE,	"	2 —	
CAFFEINE,	"	5 —	
CADMIUM,	lb.	2 50	
"	oz.	20	
BROMIDE,	"	45	
IODIDE,	"	50	
SULPHATE,	"	33	
CALOMEL, in 25 lb. boxes,	lb.	72	
HYDROSUBLIMED, in lb. bottles,	"	75	
☞ We have this article in both green and blue bottles. Should the latter be preferred, please specify.			
in bulk. 25 lb. boxes,	"	72	
CALCIUM, CHLORIDE,	"	70	
CARBON, BISULPHURET,	"	50	
oz. vials,	oz.	15	
CHINOIDINE (see Ext: Bark Prec: at $2 50),	lb.	3 —	
10 lbs or more,	"	2 75	
PURIFIED, in ounce rolls, (50 ozs. 18,)	oz.	20	
CHLOROFORM (100 lbs. 83),	lb.	85	
CINCHONIA, in oz. vials,	oz.	40	
SULPH: in oz. vials,	"	40	
COLLODION,	lb.	56	
in oz. vials,	doz.	1 25	
COPPER, AMMONIATED,	lb.	70	
ARSENIATE,	oz.	30	
ARSENITE,	"	20	
CYANIDE,	"	25	
IODIDE,	"	50	
NITRATE,	lb.	50	
OXIDE, BLACK (lb. $1 50),	oz.	13	
SULPHATE, (see Blue Vitriol),	lb.		
COPPERAS,	"	1½	
CORROSIVE SUBLIMATE, in 25 lb. boxes,	"	62	
CROCUS METALLORUM,	"	30	
DELPHINIA, ⅛ oz. vials,	⅛ oz.	2 50	
DOVER'S POWDER,	lb.	1 25	
ETHER, ACETIC,	"	33	
BUTYRACEOUS,	"	75	

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ARTICLES.			
ETHER, CHLORIC (Chlorine Ether),	lb.	25	
CONCENTRATED,	"	48	
NITROS, SPIRIT OF, in carboys,	"	11	
SULPHURIC, in carboys,	"	20	
WASHED,	"	22	
CONCENTRATED,	"	26	
EMETINE, ¼ oz. vials,	oz.	1 50	
EPSOM SALT, 5 barrels,	lb.	2⅜	
(25 bbls. 2¼),			
ERGOTINE, ¼ oz. vials,	oz.		
EXT: BARK PRECIP:,	lb.	2 50	
oz. pots, with directions,	oz.	20	
COLOCYNTH COMP:,	lb.	1 90	
CUBEBS, ETHEREAL,	"	3 —	
JALAP,	"		
NUX VOMICA ALC:,	oz.	20	
VALERIAN, ETHEREAL,	lb.	70	
GLYCERINE, COM.,	"	40	
BEST (50 lbs. or more, $1),	"	1 10	
GOLD, CHLORIDE, 15 grain bottles,	doz.	7 25	
and SODIUM, CHLORIDE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	8 —	
HYPOSULPH: (White Salt), 15 gr. bottles,	doz.	6 50	
OXIDE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	24 —	
GRANVILLE'S LOTION,	lb.	16	
HOFFMAN'S ANODYNE,	"	14	
HYPOPHOSPHITE AMMONIA,	oz.	37	
IRON,	"	37	
LIME,	"	37	
MANGANESE,	"	70	
POTASSA,	"	37	
SODA,	"	37	
IODINE, CRUDE,	"	3 25	
RESUBLIMED,	"	3 65	
in oz. vials,	oz.	28	
BROMIDE, " "	"	60	
CHLORIDE, " "	"	60	
IRON, by HYDROGEN (Quevenne's),	lb.	3 —	
AMMONIATED (Flores Martiales),	"	20	
AMMONIO-TARTRATE,	"	1 30	
in oz. vials,	oz.	12	
ARSENIATE, in oz. vials,	"	30	
BROMIDE, " "	"	60	
CARB: PRECIP:,	lb.		
100 lbs.,	"	12½	
PROTO (Vallet's Mass), bulk,	"	28	
4 oz. pots,	"	40	
CITRATE,	"	1 30	
in oz. vials,	oz.	12	
and MAGNESIA, CITRATE, in oz. vials,	"	12½	
FERROCYANIDE,	lb.	1 —	
in oz. vials,	oz.	8	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	"	37	
HYDR: PEROXIDE (Ant. for Arsenic),	lb.	35	
IODIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	35	
SYRUP,	lb.	50	
☞ We have this article in both glass stoppered and corked bottles. Should the latter be preferred on account of cheapness, please specify.			
LACTATE, in oz. vials,	oz.	16	
MURIATE, in carboys,	lb.	5	
TINCTURE,	"	15	
NITRATE, in carboys,	"	8	
OXIDE, BLACK,	"	25	
PERNITRATE,	"	30	
PHOSPHATE,	"	30	
SESQUICHLORIDE,	oz.	25	
SULPHATE, CRYSTALS,	lb.	5	
EXSICCAT:,	"	10	
SULPHURET,	"	20	
TANNATE,	oz.	28	

ARTICLES.			
IRON, POTASSIO-TARTRATE, COMMON,	lb.	45	
PLATES,	"	1 30	
oz. vials,	oz.	12	
VALERIANATE, oz. vials,	"	1 —	
" ¼ oz. vials,	"	1 10	
" ⅛ oz. "	"	1 15	
KERMES MINERAL,	lb.	90	
LEAD, IODIDE,	oz.	33	
NITRATE,	lb.	15	
SUBACET:, LIQUID (Goulard's Ext.),	"	12½	
LIME, CARB: PRECIP:,	"	15	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	"	5 —	
"	oz.	37	
PHOSPHATE, PRECIP:,	lb.	22	
LUNAR CAUSTIC, PURE,	oz.	1 —	
No. 2 (67 per cent. Nitrate Silver),	"	70	
100 ozs. or more, 63 cts. net cash,			
☞ Please specify, when ordering, whether crystals or Lunar Caustic is wanted. When Nitrate Silver is ordered, we send the crystals.			
MAGNESIA, SULPH: (See Epsom Salt),	lb.		
MANGANESE, CARB:,	oz.	25	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	"	70	
IODIDE,	"	1 50	
SULPHATE,	"	20	
MECONINE,	"	20 —	
MENISPERMIN,	"	1 50	
MERCURY, in flasks, CASH,	lb.	56	
DISTILLED, CASH,	"	75	
CYANIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	27	
IODIDE, PROTO and PER, in oz. vials,	"	33	
OXIDE, BLACK, in oz. vials,	"	20	
SUBSULPH: (Turpeth Mineral),	lb.	1 —	
SULPHURET (Black Ethiops do.),	"	60	
with CHALK (Hydrarg. c. Creta),	"	40	
MERCURIAL OINTMENT, half Mercury,	"	50	
MORPHIA, SULPHATE, ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	5 —	
ACETATE,	"	5 —	
MURIATE,	"	5 —	
VALERIANATE, ¼ oz. vials,	"	6 —	
PURE, ALKALOID,	"	6 25	
NARCOTINE,	"	1 25	
OIL OF BLACK PEPPER,	lb.	50	
CLOVES,	"	90	
30 lbs. or more,	"	85	
COPAIBA,	"	1 40	
CUBEBS,	"	5 25	
ERGOT, in oz. vials,	oz.	25	
PIMENTA,	lb.	8 —	
in oz. vials,	oz.	55	
TOBACCO, in oz. vials and tin cases,	"	1 37½	
OPIUM, DENARCOTIZED,	lb.	10 —	
PICROTOXIN,	oz.	2 —	
PIPERINE,	lb.	6 75	
in oz. vials,	oz.	45	
POTASSIUM, in ¼ oz. vials,	"	4 —	
BROMIDE,	lb.	2 75	
in oz. vials,	oz.	21	
CYANIDE, FUSED, (50 lbs., 63),	lb.	65	
GRANULAR,	"	85	
IODIDE (Hydriod: Potassa),	"	2 75	
oz. vials,	oz.	21	
IODO-HYDRARG:,	"	50	
POTASSA, CAUSTIC, COMMON,	lb.	40	
WHITE,	"	70	
cum CALCE (Vienna Caustic),	"	40	
LIQUOR,	"	12	
ACETATE,	"	55	

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ARTICLES.			
POTASSA, CARB: (SAL TARTAR),	lb.	10	
BI-CARB:, CRYSTALS,	“	20	
CHLORATE (100 lbs., 30),	“	33	
CITRATE,	“	65	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	“	5 —	
“	oz.	37	
PERMANGANATE, COM.,	lb.	90	
PURE,	oz.	37½	
PHOSPHATE,	lb.	3 —	
“	oz.	24	
SULPHATE, CRYSTALS,	lb.	8	
in barrels,	“	7½	
POWDERED,	“	8½	
in barrels,	“	8	
SULPHURET (LIVER SULPHUR),	“	20	
TARTRATE (SOLUBLE TARTAR),	“	45	
QUINIA, **SULPHATE,** 100 ozs. or more, ☞ Usual discount of 5 per cent. for cash, or we allow 2 per cent. discount for 4 months notes, for this article.	oz.	1 80	
PURE, ALKALOID,	“	2 50	
AMORPHOUS, in oz. pots,	“	25	
ACETATE,	“	2 25	
ARSENIATE,	“	4 12½	
CITRATE,	“	2 25	
WITH IRON,	“	50	
FERROCYANIDE,	“	2 12½	
IODIDE,	“	2 50	
MURIATE,	“	2 25	
TANNATE,	“	2 12½	
VALERIANATE, ⅛ oz. vials,	“	3 50	
QUINIDIA,	“	1 40	
SULPHATE,	“	1 25	
QUICKSILVER, in flasks (CASH),	lb.	56	
RED PRECIPITATE, in 25 lb. boxes,	“	80	
ROCHELLE SALT, POWDERED, in 50 lb. boxes,	“	36	
“ “ “ in barrels,	“	35	
SEIDLITZ MIXTURE, in 50 lb. boxes,	“	30	
“ “ in barrels,	“	29	
SAL ACETOSELLA,	“	36	
PRUNELLE, BALLS,	“	25	
TARTAR,	“	10	
SALICINE, in oz. vials,	oz.	40	
SANTONINE, in oz. vials,	“	70	
“	lb.	10 50	
SILVER, CHLORIDE,	oz.	1 30	
CYANIDE,	“	1 55	
IODIDE,	“	1 55	
NITRATE, CRYSTALS,	“	1 —	
100 ozs., net cash,	“	92	
FUSED (See Lunar Caustic), ☞ Please specify, when ordering, whether crystals or Lunar Caustic is wanted. When Nitrate Silver is ordered, we send the crystals.			
OXIDE, in oz. vials,	“	1 55	

ARTICLES.			
SODA, CAUSTIC, BY LIME,	lb.	40	
ACETATE,	“	45	
CHLORIDE, LIQUID,	gal.	35	
in bottles, with directions,	doz.	2 25	
HYDROSULPHATE,	lb.	75	
HYPOPHOSPHITE,	“	5 —	
“	oz.	37	
HYPOSULPHITE (in casks, 10),	lb.	11	
PHOSPHATE,	“	18	
& AMMON: PHOSPH: (MICROCOSMIC SALT),	“	1 —	
SODIUM, in ¼ oz. vials,	oz.	3 —	
SPIRITS AMMONIA,	lb.	13	
AROMATIC,	“	21	
ETHER CHLOR:,	“	40	
NITROS, in carboys,	“	11	
LAVENDER,	“	13	
MYRISTICA,	“	13	
PIMENTA,	“	13	
ROSEMARY,	“	13	
STRONTIA, MURIATE,	“	35	
NITRATE,	“	35	
STRYCHNIA, POWDERED, in ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	2 25	
10 ozs. or more,	“	2 12½	
CRYSTALS, “ “	“	2 50	
10 ozs. or more	“	2 35	
ACETATE,	“	2 30	
NITRATE,	“	3 —	
SULPHATE,	“	2 25	
SULPHUR, PRECIPITATED, PURE,	lb.	18	
IODIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	33	
TANNIN,	lb.	1 60	
in oz. vials, packed in barrels,	oz.	14	
THEINE,	“	5 —	
TIN, MURIATE, CRYSTALS,	lb.	25	
SOLUTION in carboys,	“	12½	
OXYMURIATE, SOLUTION, in carboys,	“	12½	
VERATRIA, in ⅛ oz. vials,	oz.	3 25	
VERMILION, in bulk,	lb.	80	
WHITE PRECIPITATE,	“	90	
WOOD NAPHTHA (PYROXYLIC SPIRIT),	“	55	
ZINC, ACETATE,	“	65	
CARBONATE (FLOWERS ZINC),	“	25	
CHLORIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	12	
SOLUTION,	lb.	12	
CYANIDE, in oz. vials,	oz.	16	
FERROCYANIDE, in oz. vials,	“	16	
IODIDE, in oz. vials,	“	45	
OXIDE (TRUE),	lb.	25	
SULPHATE, CRYSTALS, in barrels,	“	5	
VALERIANATE, oz. vials,	oz.	1 —	
¼ oz. vials,	“	1 10	
⅛ oz “	“	1 15	

NOTE.—While we take considerable pains to keep our customers advised of changes in prices of our articles, we would like it to be clearly understood that no responsibility is to attach to us when it is not done; as such variations are to be expected from time to time. Neither can we be considered bound by any quotations until return of mail, unless we agree to be so bound for a specified quantity. Our discount for cash is 5 per cent.

EXTRACT FROM ACT OF CONGRESS RELATING TO STEAM-VESSELS CARRYING FREIGHT AND PASSENGERS, PASSED AUG. 30, 1852.

“SEC. 7. *And be it further enacted*, That no loose hemp shall be carried on board any such vessel; nor shall baled hemp be carried on the deck or guards thereof, unless the bales are compactly pressed and well covered with bagging, or a similar fabric; nor shall gunpowder, oil of turpentine, oil of vitriol, camphene, or other explosive burning-fluids, or materials which ignite by friction, be carried on board any such vessel, as freight, except in cases of special license for that purpose, as hereinafter provided; and all such articles kept on board as stores shall be secured in metallic vessels; and every person who shall knowingly violate any of the provisions of this section shall pay a penalty of one hundred dollars for each offence, to be recovered by action of debt in any court of competent jurisdiction.

“SEC. 8. *And be it further enacted*, That hereafter all gunpowder, oil of turpentine, oil of vitriol, camphene, or other explosive burning-fluids, and materials which ignite by friction, when packed or put up for shipment on board of any such vessel, shall be securely packed or put up separately from

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each other and from all other articles, and the package, box, cask, or vessel containing the same shall be distinctly marked on the outside with the name or description of the articles contained therein; and every person who shall pack or put up, or cause to be packed or put up, for shipment on board of any such vessel, any gunpowder, oil of turpentine, oil of vitriol, camphene, or other explosive burning-fluids or materials which ignite by friction, otherwise than as aforesaid, or shall ship the same, unless packed and marked as aforesaid, on board of any steam-vessel carrying passengers, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and punished by a fine not exceeding one thousand dollars, or imprisonment not exceeding eighteen months, or both."

☞ Our steamboat captains construe the above to exclude Oil of Vitriol, Nitric and Muriatic Acids, Aqua-fortis, etc., and Sulphuric Ether; and it will be observed that, even in cases of special license, each specified article must be put in a separate package.

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ARTICLES.	PRICES.	REMARKS.
	Cents.	
Chrome Greens—Dry.		
Crease's Chrome Green, pure, M. & D. shades,	15	In cases containing 10 boxes, ea. 6 lbs. *nett*; Also in boxes, kegs and barrels, of 100 to 600 lbs.
Phila. No. 1 " " M. & D. "	13	
Crease's Premium " M, & D. "	13	
Phila. X. " " M. & D. "	12	
Marine Green	10	
Crease's Chrome Green, D. D.	25	In boxes, kegs, and barrels, of 100 to 600 lbs.
Brunswick Green,	5 to 8	
Imperial "	6 to 9	
Quaker Green,	10	
Bronze. "	10	
In Oil.		
Crease's Chrome Green, pure, assorted shades,	15	In cases of 60 lbs. in 1, 2, 3, and 6 lb. cans.
" " " " " 1 lb. cans.	17	
" " " " " 10 lb. cans.	13	
Phila. No. 1, " " " " "	14	
" " " " " 1 lb. cans.	16	In cases of 60 lbs. in 3, 6 and 10 lb. cans; also in kegs of 50 to 50 lbs.
Crease's Premium " " " "	13	
Phila. X. " " " "	12	
Imperial Green.	9	Assorted Cans,
Imperial "	8	10 and 14 lb. cans.
" "	6	
Chrome Yellow.—Dry.		
Crease's Phila. Chr. Yellow, pure, L. M. & D. shades,	18	In cases containing 12 boxes, each 5 lb. *nett*; also, in boxes, kegs and barrels of 100 to 500 lbs.
Extra " " " " " " "	15	
Phila. No. 1, " " " " "	13½	
Chrome Yellow, A	12	
" " Scarlet,	20	
In Oil.		
Crease's Phila. Chrome Yellow, pure, ass'd shades,	18	In cases of 60 lbs., in 1. 2 and 3 lb. cans,
" " " " " 1 lb. cans,	19½	
Phila. No. 1. " "	13½	" " " "
" " " " 1 lb. cans	15	
Blues.—Dry.		
Crease's Chinese Blue, pure,	60	In boxes of 25 and 50 lbs.
" " " Powdered.	60	" " " " "
Chinese Blue, No. 1.	50	" " " " "
Paris Blue, pure,	~~55~~ 58	" " " " "
Crease's Paris Blue, Powdered,	55	" " " " "
Crease's Paris Blue, No. 1,	50	" " " " "
Soluble Blue.	63	" " " " " Also in bbls.
Prussian Blue, A	45	In boxes, kegs and barrels of 100 to 600 lbs.
" " B	42	
Celestial Blue, A	9	In kegs.
" " B	7	
" " C	6	

ARTICLES.	PRICES.	REMARKS.
Blues.—In Oil.	Cents.	
Paris Blue, pure,	56	In cases of 30 and 60 lbs., in ½, and 1 lb. cans.
“ “ “ ½ lb. cans.	59	
Prussian “ “	45	
“ “ “ ½ lb. cans.	48	“ “ “ “ “ “ “ “ “
Celestial, “ Assorted cans.	12	
Paris Blue Pulp,	56	Calculated as dry,
Prussian Blue, Pulp,	45	“ “ “
Vermilions.		
Crease's Chinese Scarlet,	16	In cases containing 10 boxes, ea. 6 lb. *nett;* and in boxes, kegs and bbls. of 100 to 600 lbs.
“ Extra American Vermilion,	15	
Acids.		
Nitric Concent: 44°	12½	In carboys,
“ 42°	10	“ “
“ 40°	8¼	“ “
“ (Parting Acid) 38°	7½	“ “
“ 36°	7¼	“ “
“ Chemically Pure,	20	“ “ and bottles.
Muriatic 25°	2½	“ “
“ 22°	2	“ “
“ 18°	1¾	“ “
“ Chemically Pure,	15	“ “ and bottles.
Acetic, No. 8,	10	“ “ “ “
Aqua Fortis, 40°	7¼	“ “
“ “ 36°	6	“ “
Chemicals.		
Muriate of Tin,	10	“ “
Sulphate of Zinc,		Boxes 25 to 100 lbs.
Precip: Carb: Ferri	13	“ “ “ “ and in bbls.
Precip: Sulphur, pure,	~~14~~ 15	“ “ 50 “
Lac Sulphur,	9	In barrels.
“	10	50 lb. boxes.
Nitrate of Lead,	11	Kegs and Boxes.
Sulphate Potassa. Crystals,	8	Boxes 50 to 100 lbs. and in bbls.
Refined Glauber Salts,	1	Barrels and casks.
Sal Enixum,		“
Sundries.		
Pure Sienna in oil,	15	1 lb. cans,
“ Burnt Sienna in oil,	18	“ “
“ Turkey Umber in oil,	12	“ “
“ Burnt “ “ “	15	“ “
“ Lamp Black,	10	Assorted cans.
Drop Black,	15	1 lb. cans.
Vandyke Brown.	20	1 and 2 lb. cans.
Yellow Ochre, (French)	7	Assorted cans.
Venctian Red,	8	1 lb. cans.
Dutch Pink,		
Rose “		

Crease's colors have for upwards of THIRTY YEARS, maintained a reputation for their superiority in all the elements essential to a good color, viz.: Strength, Durability and Purity.

The Dry colors are securely packed in boxes, (unless otherwise ordered,) and are warranted to contain the weight marked.

Boxes are preferable, as space is economised in packages.

The colors in oil are well soldered, and being air-tight the color is preserved.

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(Copy)

Nov. 14, 1857

Dear Sir

In veiw of the fact presented in your recent letter received on the 9th inst, I have deemed it just that you should receive one cent per lb. in addition to the present prices with the following conditions.

1. we will return to a lower price as soon as the articles used in the manufacture of nitric acid fall in price in the market.

2. The articles you now furnish frequently weigh only 37° Beaume, I have to request that hereafter it shall run up to 39° B.

3. That the advance price may be withdrawn at any time I may direct

I am very Respectfully
your obt. Servant
(signed) James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

Mr Moro Phillips
Manufacturer of Chemicals
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Tacony Chemical Works,
Charles Lennig.
Frederick Lennig.
Office No. 112 South Front St.
Philadelphia March 26 1861

Treasury Department
Washington

Having repeatedly made offers to the Supert of the Philadelphia Mint, of a supply of Nitric acid such as we furnished in large quantities during the administration of Dr Eckert, & having done so as late as May of last year at the price of 6¼ cent pd which we have reason to suppose was materialy lower than the Mint has been paying, without any acknowledgements of said offer, or being asked for proposals as was formerly the case, we being one of the largest manufacturers of the article, we are led to presume that undue preferences have been given, and we now offer to supply the same at 5¾ cents pd delivered at the Mint in Philadelphia, and adopt this course

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 3. 1861.

Sir.

Enclosed please find a statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint for the month of March last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant.
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, during the month of March 1861.

Deposits

Gold	6.907.387.57
Silver	
Deposits and purchases	242.178.31
Total Deposits	$7.149.565.88
Copper cents - O. S. - rec'd: in exch: for cents of new issue	4.420.00

Coinage

	No: of pieces	
Gold		
Double Eagles	248.027	4.960.540.00
Eagles	1.500	15.000.00
Hlf: "	2.943	14.715.00
Quar: "	10.964	27.410.00
Three Dollar P's.	5.959	17.877.00
Gold Dollars	13.606	13.606.00
Bars	1	679.59
	283.000	$5.049.827.59
Silver		
Dollars	22.000	22.000.00
Hlf "	29.400	14.700.00
Quar: "	773.600	193.400.00
Dimes	253.000	25.300.00
Hlf "	642.000	32.100.00
	1.720.000	$287.500.00
Cents	900.000	$9.000.00

Recapitulation

Gold	283.000	5.049.827.59
Silver	1.720.000	287.500.00
Cents	900.000	9.000.00
Total No: pieces	2.903.000	Total value $5.346.327.59

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 4, 1861.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cal^a. of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 28th day of February last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala., March 6th 1861. ~~185~~ .

Sir:

In conformity with Treasury Circular of December 18th 1854. I have the honor to report that upon examination and count I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch on the 28th day of February 861. the sum of Two Hundred and Eighty Five Thousand Two Hundred and Twenty Seven $\frac{25}{100}$ Dollars ($285.227.25) and that there is to the credit of this Branch the sum of One Thousand One Hundred and Eighty Eight $\frac{56}{100}$ Dollars. ($1.188.56) on deposit at the Mint at Philadelphia making a total of Two Hundred and Eighty Six Thousand Four Hundred and Fifteen $\frac{81}{100}$ Dollars $286.415.81.) which amount corresponds with the balance as exhibited by the books of the Treasurer of this Branch on that day.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt,
Chas. H. Hempstead.
Superintendent.

To the
Hon Secty of the Treasury.
Washington City.
D.C.

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Dear Sir,

I write to inform you of another traitor in the U. S. Mint his name is John Taylor, and he is Assistant Assayor,

We are surrounded here in our City with the villains, and unless measures are taken the Mint might be seized, It would be well to provide in time for its protection,

I hope you will pardon me for troubling you but I consider it a duty—

Very truly
Jno. R Savage
No 78 N Front St

To His Excellency
Ab. Lincoln

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 11. 1861.

Sir,

As we have not received the draft asked for in my letter of the 22d ult°, and are in want of money to pay debts due, and carry on the operations of the Mint, I beg to re-call your attention to this subject, and to suggest as a means of putting the Department in funds to pay the draft, I will cause a transfer to be made of a similar amount into the office of the Asst. Treasurer here, from the balance now standing to the credit of the U. States on gold coinage.

During the last quarter our coinage exceeded $21,000.000; an amount unprecedented in the annals of the Mint; and our operations are now continued at nearly the same rate.

The gold coinage charge placed to the credit of the U. States during the last quarter - January, February, March - amounts

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to the considerable sum of $102,263.52. This amt arises exclusively from the ½ per cent coinage charge authorised by the act of Feb. 21. 1853. This is at the rate of about $400,000 per annum revenue to the government.

On the receipt of the draft asked for on the Asst. Treasurer ($32,775) I will direct the transfer herein indicated to be made. (as authorised by the last part of the 3d. Sec. of the act above cited. page 42 Mint laws.)

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

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NEW-YORK.

Dated Philada Apl 16 1861.

Rec'd, Washington, 16 1861, o'clock, min. M.

To Hon S. P. Chase
Secy of Treasury

Please forward the Draft asked for Recently.

James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 26. 1861.

Sir,

In compliance with the Act of March 3d 1853, c. 97. I present a statement of the expenditures of the Mint for the quarter ending 31st March 1861:

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint for the Quarter ending March 31, 1861.

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$ 6.975.00
For Wages of Workmen & Adjusters	28,344.23
For Incidental & Contingent Expenses	10,473.95
" Freight on Bullion	19.131.06
Total	$64,924.24

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

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Milton April 29. 1861

Hon S. Cameron

Dr Sir

My Commission as Director of the Mint, if forwarded, has not been received, nor have I as yet received any official information of my appointment. I presume the Commission or letter, if forwarded, has been delayed or lost in the general derangement of the Mails. Will you please, if you can spare a moment from your arduous duties, see the President or Sec. of the Treasury, and have the Commission be forwarded to me or such information as may be proper.

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The Administration is gloriously sustained everywhere. If you call for 500 000 men, they can be had in thirty days. The fire burns fast & furiously. Treason must be crushed — a road to the Capital through Maryland & Baltimore will be opened & kept opened, if required, even if it should be necessary to blot Maryland from the Map of the States. Go on — all are with you & God defend the right.

Yours Very Truly

Jas Pollock

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 30th 1861.

Sir,

I have the painful duty to report to you, that the Branch Mint at Charlotte, North Carolina, has been taken possession of by a military force acting under the orders of the Governor of that State. This event occurred on the 20th inst. My informant, an officer of that branch Mint, states, "while I write the people are hoisting a Confederate flag over the Mint building; and on going out I find an armed guard from a volunteer Company at the door."

A committee acting under an Ordinance passed by a Convention of the people of Louisiana took possession of the branch Mint at New Orleans on the 31st of January last.

On the 8th of April (inst) the branch Mint at Dahlonega ceased to be conducted under the authority of the United States, having been seized by order of the Governor of Georgia.

And now we have similar information as

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to the branch at Charlotte. Thus all the branch mints in the Southern States have practically ceased to be branches of the principal mint, and, being conducted in an unlawful manner the coin issued therefrom are not the lawful coin of the United States. In my communication of the 18th and 23d of February last I made some recommendations on this subject to which I beg to call the attention of the Department. The views then expressed now apply to all the branches above named. In my opinion it would be proper that a proclamation should be made, declaring the coin of 1861, issued by the above named revolutionary and illegal mints, to be no longer the lawful coin of the United States; and that they are therefore not a legal tender in the payment of debts. These coin, as indicated in a former communications may be known by the Mint mark below the eagle, or the wreath, on the reverse

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side of the pieces: the letter O indicating the branch at New Orleans; D. Dahlonega; C. Charlotte.

I request that my communications of the 18th. and 23d. of February, above referred to, may be regarded as part of this report.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, April 30th 1861.

Sir,

I have recieved the resignation of Dr. J. H. Gibbon, Assayer of the branch mint at Charlotte, North Carolina, which is herewith enclosed.

Dr. Gibbon was appointed Assayer of that branch of the Mint on its establishment in 1838, he has been a faithful and competent officer discharging his duty with skill and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase.
Sec. of the Treasury
Washington City.

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Branch Mint North Carolina
Charlotte 20 april 1861.

To
The Director of The Mint,
Philadelphia.

Sir,

The Governor of this State has sent a peremptory order to The Colonel, in command of the district, to take possession of The Mint property and funds.

I beg leave to resign the commission I was invited to accept by Dr R.M. Patterson on the establishment of this branch and wish to receive an honorable dismissal from my trusts

very respectfully

J. H. Gibbon
Assayer.

over—

P.S. While I write the People are hoisting a Confederate flag over the Mint building – and on going out – I find an armed guard from a volunteer company at the door

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia May 1. 1861.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business on he 30th ult. exhibited the following balance in he hands of the Treasurer:

In Gold Coins.	$51,558.46
In Silver Coins	19,841.03
In Cent Coins	3,439.05
In Ordinary Fund	4,475.17
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$79,412.86

Agreeing with the balance as stated upon that Officers books of account.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with fidelity and care.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant.
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 3rd 1861.

Sir,

The Hon. James Pollock appeared to-day at the Mint, with a Commission from the President, as Director of the Mint. He politely inquired as to the time it would suit my convenience to retire from the Office I now hold; I informed him that I would be ready to do so in about ten days.

Under these circumstances I will, with your permission, refer to my Successor your letter of the 29th ult.o (Rec.d to-day) respecting Mr. John H. Tasker, Assistant Melter and Refiner, (not Ass't. Assayer as stated in your communication). I make this request because I will be greatly occupied in preparing to retire from the Mint, and cannot make the investigation in the careful and thorough manner I would otherwise ~~be pleased~~ feel it my duty to do.

I have the honor to be
with respect
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase.
Sec. of the Treasury. &c.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, May 3. 1861.

Sir.

Enclosed please find statement of Deposits & Coinage at the Mint during the month of April last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, during the month of April 1861.

Deposits

Gold	3.284.951.97
Silver	
Deposits and purchases	$ 217.501.76
Total Deposits	3.502.453.73
Copper cents recd. in Ex: for new cent	6.920.00

Coinage

	No. Pieces.	$
Gold		
Double Eagles	219.174	4.383.480
Eagles	10.139	101.390
Hlf "	66	330
Quar "	90	225
hree Dollars	113	339
llars	349	349
ars	6	3.638.90
	229.937	$ 4.489.751.90
Silver		
Dollars	1.000	1.000
Hlf "	91.000	45.500
Quar "	425.000	106.250
Dimes	230.000	23.000
Hlf. Dimes	27.000	1.350
hree Cents	64.000	1.920
	838.000	$ 179.020
Cents	1.300.000	13.000

Recapitulation

Gold	229.937	4.489.751.90
Silver	838.000	179.020.00
Cents	1.300.000	13.000.00
	2.367.937	$ 4.681.771.90

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Mint of the United States.
Philada. June 3. 1861.

Sir,

Enclosed please find statement of deposits and coinage at the Mint, for the month ending 31st. ult.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Svt.
Jas. Pollock
Director.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the nited States, Philadelphia, during the month of May 1861.

Deposits

old	7.671.716.85
ilver — Deposits and purchases	275.594.17
Total Deposits	$7.947.311.02
Copper cents — C. S. — received in exchange for cents of new issue	$6.795.00

Coinage

	No. pieces	
Gold		
Double Eagles	220.055	$4.401.100.
Eagles	23.260	232.600
Half "	45.744	228.720
Quarter "	96.798	241.995
Bar	1	145.65
	385.858	$5.104.560.65
Silver		
Half-Dollars	186.000	$93.000
Quar "	460.000	115.000
Dimes	212.000	21.200
Half. Dimes	742.000	37.100
Three cent ps.	97.000	2.910
	1.697.000	$269.210
Cents	1.100.000	11.000

Recapitulation

Gold	385.858	5.104.560.65
Silver	1.697.000	269.210.00
Cents	1.100.000	11.000.00
Total No. pieces	3.182.858	Total value $5.384.770.65

May 31st 1861

Jas. Pollock
Director

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 4. 1861.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a quarterly statement of the expenditures of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco. Cala. for the quarter ending 31st March 1861.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington City

I also enclose a report from the Supt. of the usual Monthly Count and Examination, at that institution on 30th March last.

Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala, April 10th 1861 ~~185~~.

Sir

In conformity with the Act, of March 4th 1853. Chapt. 97. I have the honor to present, a Quarterly Statement, of expenditures of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco for the Quarter ending March 30th 1861.

1st Quarter 1861.

Month. 1861.	Inc & Contg Expenses	Wages of Workmen	Salaries of Officers & Clks	Totals For Quarter.
January	$ 10.259.75	$ 14.200.70		$ 24.460.45
February.	" 2.224.26	" 12.756.50	1st Qr, 1861	$ 14.980.76
March.	" 5.088.34	" 13.934.45	$ 7.625.00	$ 26.647.79
Totals.	$ 17.572.35	$ 40.891.65	$ 7.625.00	$ 66.089.00

To

Hon, Salmon P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D. C.

I have the honor to remain
Very Respectfully,
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas. H. Hempstead
Superintendent.

Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala. April 10th 1861. ~~185~~ .

Sir,

In conformity with Treasury circular of December s 4th 1854. I have the honor to report that upon examination and count, I find in the hands of the Treasurer this Branch on the 30th day of March 1861. the sum Four Hundred and Eight Thousand Six Hundred d Thirty Nine $\frac{39}{100}$ Dollars ($ 408.639.$\frac{39}{100}$) and at there is to the credit of this Branch the sum Seventy One $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars ($ 71. $\frac{91}{100}$) on deposit at Mint at Philadelphia, making a total of Four Hun ied and Eight Thousand Seven Hundred and Eleven o. Dollars. ($ 408.711. $\frac{30}{100}$,) which amount corresponds ith the balance as exhibited by the books of the Treasurer of this Branch on that day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servant
Chas. H. Hempstead
Superintendent

Hon. Salmon P. Chase.
ecretary of the Treasury.
Washington
D.C.

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Milton Pa. May 8. 1861

Hon S. P. Chase. Sec. of Treasury

Sir

I have the honor to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 4th inst, relating to the supply of Silver bullion for the Mint. The letter of the Treasurer of the Mint to the Treasurer of the U. States referred to in your communication & said to be enclosed, was not sent, having been, I presume, accidentally omitted; it can be forwarded to me at Philadelphia.

In consequence of not having received my Commission until within a few days, I have not yet entered upon my duties as Director. I will do so on Tuesday next. Your letter of the 4th inst, I handed to the present Director, & I will give it my prompt attention immediately upon taking possession of the Office.

Very Respectfully

Yours &c

Ja. Pollock

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 14. 1861.

Sir,

It is now nearly eight years since I entered upon the duties of Director of the Mint, having previously ~~also~~ served as Treasurer thereof about four years. I have thus been officially connected with this Institution nearly twelve years.

The President of the United States having seen fit to appoint a gentleman in my place as Director, namely, the Hon. James Pollock of Pennsylvania, I this day retire from the Mint, and place the same under the charge of my successor to whom I have delivered all monies, books, papers, &c belonging to the Office.

I beg to add that the Mint is in the highest state of efficiency, and possesses in an eminent degree the entire confidence of the public, both as it relates to the fidelity of the Coinage and the honesty and

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integrity of all its operations.
To show the efficiency of the Mint I may state that in one month (January last) we coined the sum of $8,146,000; showing that the institution is capable of executing a coinage of $96,000,000 per annum. During the last four months the coinage has reached $25,738,581, comprised in 9,065,180 pieces of all denominations of coins.

Notwithstanding the large amount of bullion received returns in coin have been made on an average of less than eight days; and this has been accomplished without a bullion fund, which if provided by the government would enable the Mint to make payment in two or three days after the deposits of bullion are received.
I will, with great pleasure, give to my successor all the information which it is practicable, under the circumstances to give.

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I have the honor to be,
with great respect,
your obedient Servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase.
Sec. of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, May 16 1861

Hon. S. P. Chase. Sec. of Treasury

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose to you a letter rec^d. yesterday from the Cashier of the Bank of Fulton, Atlanta, Georgia. I refused to order the delivery of the coin as requested, unless instructed by you so to do. The question raised by this request is an important one, in the present exigency of public affairs. As gold and silver are articles contraband of war, a delivery to the agent of the Bank of Fulton in New York, would in effect be a delivery to the Bank in Georgia. Georgia being now the enemy of Government, and having, by her authorities, forbidden the payment of debts due by her citizens, to the citizens of the free States, would it be proper to order the delivery of the coin claimed by the Bank of Fulton, to the Bank or its agent. The question is respectfully submitted for your determination.

I am very Respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director of the Mint.

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Application of Director of Mint in regard to repayment of coin for bullion deposited by Bank of Atlanta Georgia

The question involved is a very important one in regard to the public faith.

It is quite certain that the Director of the Mint would not be justified in the present state of things to send this coin to Georgia. But this is not requested by the Atlanta Bank. It requests the amount to be paid to the Union Bank at New York for its credit, which involves no breach of the enforcement of the contraband regulations.

Suppose an individual or Bank at Atlanta held a Treasury note of 1000 which became due, may it not be assigned to a party in New York, and properly paid to such party? Can the Department go into investigation whether the remittance is to pay a subsisting debt, or the amount sent to Georgia in defiance of the contraband regulations?

It seems to me that the preservation of the Public faith requires the prompt discharge of such obligations leaving to the parties who receive the money from the Treasury or the Mint as the case may be to dispose of it. If they attempt to send it South, it will of course be seized and forfeited

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 20. 1861.

Sir,

On the 16th ulto. I enclosed to you a letter received by me from the Cashier, of the Bank of Fulton, Atlanta, Georgia, desiring the delivery to his order of the proceeds of a deposit recently made at the Mint by said Bank, and stated that I had declined allowing the delivery of the coin in question unless instructed so to do by the Department. As the holder of the order of the Bank of Fulton (the Union Bank N.Y.,) is urging payment, I beg to recall your attention to the subject and request the favor of an early reply.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servt,
Jas. Pollock
Director.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia May 21. 1861.

Sir.

As we are much in need of funds to meet current expenses, I have to request that the requisition from this Office of the 13th inst. in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars being balance of appropriation for the support of this institution for the current fiscal year, may receive the early attention of the Department.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia May 24. 1861.

Sir,

Referring to the requisition from this Office under date of 13th inst in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for Thirty Two Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars, and my letter of the 21st inst. in relation to the same, I beg to recall your attention to the subject and request that a draft for the amount embraced in the requisition, may be sent to the Treasurer of the Mint in time to be received by the last day of this Month, (31st inst) in order that the wages of the employés and accrued expenses for materials, may be paid.

If desired by the Department, I will cause a corresponding amount to that asked for, to be paid into the Office of the Asst. Treasurer here, to the credit of the Treasurer of the United States, from the amount which has accrued since the 1st of January last, from the half per cent coinage charge, the same being payable into the Treasury of the United States, under the 3d Sec. of the Act of

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February 21st 1863. If this suggestion meets your approval, I will, on receipt of the drafts asked for, direct the transfer herein indicated to be made, which will put the Department in funds to pay the same.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States

Philadelphia 29 May 1861

Sir,

The Treasurer of the Mint has received five drafts of $20000 each on the Assay Office New York, issued (as stated on their face) agreeably to instructions of the 24th inst. No such instructions have been received here, but I presume the issue of the drafts in question was made in consequence of the suggestion offered in my letter to the Department of the 18th inst. If this were the case, I have to regret that the mode of draft decided on will interfere with the accomplishment of the object. The Assay Office has no funds sufficient to meet the drafts without materially checking their refining operations. In reply to a telegram, the Treasurer writes that the drafts cannot be paid, because all the fine silver is necessary to the working of the Refinery. I well knew that the Assay Office Bullion Fund could not bear any additional drain; for this reason in my letter of the 18th I suggested drafts on the Assistant Treasury at New York, payable in gold coins. Had the drafts been issued in this form they could have been made available in payment for Assay Office silver deposits, thus in effect procuring for the Mint that amount of silver bullion to the credit of the United States. The Assay Office balance would not have been impaired by this course. The result would have been merely the exchange of $100,000 in gold coin to the credit of the Government at the Assistant Treasury for the same amount in silver bullion to its credit in the Mint.

If the Department will cause new drafts to be issued on the Assistant Treasury to replace those on the Assay Office the latter will be returned, and the purchase of the silver effected according to the original design. Or the same object may be accomplished by issuing a draft on the Assistant Treasury in favor of the Assay Office for $100,000 in gold coins. The silver depositors there could then be paid off in gold, and the drafts on the Assay Office could be met with the silver bullion so purchased.

I have the honor to be

Very respectfully

Jas. Pollock

Director

Hon. S. P. Chase
Sec'y of the Treasury
Washington

Mint of the United States.
Phila. May 31. 1861.

Sir.

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business to-day exhibited the following balance in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

In Gold Coins.	$202.120.50
In Silver Coins	12.570.17
In Cent Coins	6.720.39
In Ordinary Fund	26.494.55
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$248.004.76

Agreeing with the balance as stated upon that Officers Books of Account.

With respect to the general condition of the Mint, I have to report that so far as I have observed, the operations of the institution are conducted with skill and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia June 1. 1861.

Sir.

I have received your letter of the 28th. ult.

The proposition contained in my letter of the 24th. ult. having been approved by You. I have this day caused the sum of $32.475. to be transferred to the Treasury of the U. States. from the amount which has accrued from the half per cent coinage charge. Enclosed is the certificate of the Asst. Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for the transfer in question.

The half per cent coinage charge, at the close of the 28th. ult. amounted to $148.368.57. Deducting from this amount the sum of $32.475, paid into the Treasury of the U. States as above stated, leaves a net balance of $115.893.57.

The "Silver Profits", or the gain between the price at which we issue the silver coins of less denomination than the dollar and the price which we pay for silver bullion purchased for coinage,— now $1.21 per ounce,— constitutes a fund payable from time to time into the Treasury of the U. States. At the close of the 1st. quarter of this year the balance to the credit of this account was $24,379.11. The accumulation since could not be accuratly ascertained without occupying some time, but the net balance at this date is probably over $35.000.

The moneys arising from the sources above indicated, constitute the _seigniorage_ or profit of the Mint, on the gold and silver coinage, and are by law transferable to the Treasury of the U. States. It has been customary to transfer the same immediately after the close of each calender year. In case of exigency the period could be anticipated, but at present it is quite convenient to the Mint to retain these funds as they serve to facilitate, after the manner of a bullion fund, the more rapid payment of our gold and silver deposits, which is of much importance to the public in the present state of financial affairs.

The amount accruing from parting and other charges, available for the contingent expenses of the Mint, was at the close of the first quarter of 1861, $5,977.40. At present the amount is about $6.400. These charges _are not_ "by law required to be deposited in the Treasury of the U. States" but are available for the incidental expenses of the Mint and appropriated as such. By general instructions from the Department they are from time to time paid into the Treasury of the U. States to the credit of the Mint appropriation and so become available for drafts in favor of the establishment.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, June 4. 1861.

File

Letter May 28th. referred to enclosed

Sir.

Referring to my letter of the 28th. ulto. enclosing a communication from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, reporting the occurrence of a fire at that institution. I have now to state that the Superintendent, informs me under date of 10th. ulto., that no loss of bullion, or serious injury to the Br. Mint building or Machinery was sustained. Only one days stoppage was necessary. I have instructed the Superintendent to inform me how the fire originated, and to take due precaution to guard against the recurrance of such an accident hereafter.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Svt.
Jas. Pollock
Director

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philada. May 28. 1861.

Sir.

I have the honor to enclose for your information a copy of a letter received by me from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco Cala., dated 30th ulto., reporting the occurrance of a fire at that institution on that day. It appears that the Superintendent was unable to ascertain the extent of the damage done to the Building, Machinery &c. being compelled to close his letter soon after the fire occurred. A full report from that Officer on the subject, will no doubt be received by the Cala. Mail due about the 3d prox; when we shall be able to form an estimate of the extent of the damage to the Branch Mint, and take such steps as may be necessary to repair the same with as little delay as possible.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant.

Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,

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(Copy)

Superintendents Office
Branch Mint of the United States
San Francisco Cal^a. Apr 30^s 1861
12 o'clock P.M.

Sir,

I regret to be compelled to announce to you that this evening about 8 o'clock, this Branch was discovered to be on fire, and very considerable damage has been done to the building and machinery, mainly however from water. The fire obtained such headway that it was neceſsary to call in the fire department and it was then with much difficulty that the building could be saved. I do not apprehend much loſs to the bullion, although it is poſsible some loſs may occur in the Refinery where a full charge was set. The books, papers &c are entirely safe & dry. We may lose some silver but I think not gold.

I am unable to ascertain the extent of the damage done, and will be compelled to close temporarily

In haste, your ob^t. Servant
(signed) Chas. H. Hempstead
Supt.

Col J. R. Snowden
Director.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, June 4. 1861.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Calª. of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 30th day of April last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., May 10th 1861. ~~185~~

Sir,

In conformity with Treasury Circular of December 18th 1854. I have the honor to report, that upon examination and Count, I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch on the 30th day of April 1861. the sum of Three Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand and Twenty Six 63/100 Dollars ($398.026 63/100) and that there is to the Credit, of this Branch the sum of Seventy One 93/100 Dollars ($71.93/100) on deposit at the Mint at Philadelphia, making a total of Three Hundred and Ninety Eight Thousand and Ninety Eight 56/100 Dollars ($398.098 56/100) which amount corresponds with the balance as exhibited by the books of the Treasurer of this Branch on that day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas. H. Hempstead,
Superintendent

Hon Salmon P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D. C.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 6. 1861

Hon S. P. Chase.
Sec. of the Treasury

Sir

In reply to your communication of the 6th ult, enclosing letter from Joseph C. Costello, holding a situation in the Mint. I herewith enclose a letter from the Treasurer of the Mint, in whose office Mr Costello has been employed, containing his views of the case presented for examination. After a full examination of the facts of the case, I fully concur in the conclusions of the Treasurer of the Mint & therefore respectfully suggest that the application for payment as clerk, during his absence be refused.

I am Most Respectfully
Jas. Pollock
Director.

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MINT OF UNITED STATES,
Treasurer's Office,

June 4th 1861

Sir,

In reply to the letter from the Secretary of the Treasury, enclosing a Communication from Mr J. C. Costello, a Clerk in my Office, in regard to leave of absence being granted to him, in the event of his entering the military service. I have to report that as yet the Contingency anticipated by Mr Costello has not occurred. For some weeks past he has been engaged in the endeavor to recruit Volunteers for a Company to be commanded by himself, but the roll is not and probably will not be complete. Consequently he has not been mustered into the military service, and there is no present necessity for deciding the question presented by his letter.

But I deem it proper to say, that while I am willing and anxious, in all proper ways, to promote the service of the Government in repelling the unholy war waged against it by traitors and rebels, yet I doubt if I have any

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legal authority to give any extended leave of absence to those seeking military employment, and to continue their pay in the Mint.

There is an express provision of law. "That no officer in any branch of the public service, or other person whose salary pay or emolument is or are fixed by law or regulations, shall receive any additional pay, extra allowance or compensation in any form whatever for the disbursement of public money, or for any other service or duty whatsoever, unless the same shall be authorised by law, and the appropriation therefor explicitly set forth that it is for such additional pay, extra allowance or compensation."

In view of this enactment, and of the manifest impropriety of drawing double pay for the performance of a single duty, I have informed Mr Costello that in my opinion his proposition could not be granted under the law. A corresponding decision, I am aware, has been had in your own Office, in regard to the workmen who have enlisted in the Army.

Very Respectfully Yours
J H Walton
Treasurer

Hon James Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States:
Philada, April 20th 1861.

Hon. S. P. Chase:
Secretary of the Treasury U.S.
Sir:

Holding myself in entire readiness at any moment – and at the sacrifice of domestic & social ties – to march with the Regiment to which I am attached (2 Regt. Infantry 1st Penna Vols.) to leave in defence of the flag and in protection of the integrity of this Union, I feel nevertheless that I also owe a duty to my Wife and five little children, and that I should not leave them entirely without means of sustenance. For this reason I desire, that should our Regt. be ordered to march the Treasurer of the Mint shall be officially notified by the Department that I am absent in leave of absence so long as I remain in the service of the U.S. There are those who remain in this institution who are willing to perform the duties of my desk, who are entirely competent, and no injury to the Government can result from my absence.

I have the honor to be
With Great respect:
Your faithful Servant:
Jos. C. Costello:

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19 Dated Phila June 19 1861.

Rec'd, Washington, 19 1861, o'clock, min. M.

To Hon S P Chase

Secy of Treasy

Ansd June 19/61

Has Draft asked for in Letter from this office of eighteenth of March last been sent to Branch mint San Francisco - If not it should go forward by the present mail answer -

Jas. Pollock
Dir[illegible]tor

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H/W

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 24. 1861.

Sir.

I have your letter of the 22d. inst. in relation to the deposit made by the Fulton Bank, of Georgia, and reply to your enquiries in the order in which they are presented.

1. The usual Mint certificate was issued for the deposit in question, to the Agent of the Adams Express Co. who brought the bullion to the Mint for the Fulton Bank and who holds the certificate for its use.
2. The correspondence with the Union Bank, N.Y. shows conclusively that the proceeds of the deposit are to be placed at that institution, to the credit of the Fulton Bank, at Atlanta, Georgia, where they will of course be subject to its order.— The Union Bank does not claim to be a creditor of the Fulton Bank.

For your more full information on the subject I enclose a copy of the letter received from the Union Bank N.Y. in relation to the deposit in question.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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(Copy)

Union Bank
New York June 15/61

J. H. Walton Esq
Treas

Dear Sir,

On the 27th ult we rec'd. from Com'l Bk of Pa (to whom we had sent it for collection) a draft drawn by the Bk of Fulton at Atlanta Geo, on "the President of the Mint," for the amount of a remittance in the neighborhood of $1400. We returned the draft with the cause aſsigned for non-payment. I am just in rec't of a new draft for the same money. If I recollect the explanation, it was that the property having been received from a resident of a seceded state, it would not be paid at present, — but as it is to remain with us at the credit of the bank & not be forwarded to our correspondent in Georgia may change its complexion. If you think still, that you ought to withhold it, may I request that you will forward me a certificate of the Aſsay that the owner may know the amount &c

An early reply will oblige Yours &c

(signed) Jas. M. Lewis Cy

Hon. James Pollock

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, June 25. 1861.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a Report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco Cal^a^., of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution, on the 31st. ult^o.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.
Ja^s^. Pollock
Director.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala.; May 31st 1861. 185

Sir,

In conformity with Treasury Circular of December 8th 1854. I have the honor to report, that, upon Examination and Count, I find, in the hands of the Treasurer f this Branch on this 31st day of May 1861. the sum f Three Hundred and Thirteen Thousand and Two 94/100 Dollars ($313.002 94/100) nd that, there is to the credit of this Branch the sum of Seventy One 91/100 Dollars ($71 91/100) on deposit, at the Mint t Philadelphia, making a total of Three Hundred and Thirteen Thousand and Seventy Four 85/100 Dollars $313.074.85/100 which amount corresponds with the balance as exhibited by he books of the Treasurer of this Branch on this day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas. H. Hempstead
Superintendent,

Hon, Salmon P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.
D.C.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia July 1st. 1861.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business on the 29th. ult. exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer:

In Gold coins	$39,550.00
In Silver coins	101,972.62
In Cent coins	2,774.67
In Ordinary Fund	255.49
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$144,651.93

corresponding with the balances as stated upon his books of account.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with skill and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedient servant.

Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint,

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 2, 1861

Sir,

Enclosed please find a Statement of the Deposits and coinage at the Mint during the month of June last.

I may remark that the coinage of last month, is the heaviest ever executed in a single month since the organization of the institution in 1793.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint,

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

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Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, during the month of June 1861.

Deposits

Gold	8.938.518.77
Silver Deposits and purchases	493.269.19
	9.431.787.96
Copper cents rec'd. in ex. for cents of new issue	5.920.00

Coinage

	no. pieces	
Gold		
Double Eagles	463.350	9.267.000
	2	1.286.03
	463.352	9.268.286.03
Silver		
Dollars	5.500	5.500
Half "	311.000	155.500
Quar "	620.000	155.000
Dimes	393.000	39.300
Half "	436.000	21.800
	1.765.500	377.100
Cents	300.000	3.000

Recapitulation

Gold	463.352	9.268.286.03
Silver	1.765.500	377.100.00
Cents	300.000	3.000.00
	2.528.852	9.648386.03

Philadelphia June 30th 1861.

Jas. Pollock
Director.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia July 2. 1861.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that Lewis R. Broomall Esq. recently appointed Chief Coiner of the Mint, entered upon the duties of his Office at the close of business on the 29th. ulto., at which time the final settlement of the accounts of the late Chief Coiner was completed, the same having resulted very satisfactory.

I had previously directed that the business of the Coining department, should be placed in position, to allow the final settlement of the retiring Officer to be made with the least possible interruption to the Coining operations, and I am glad to be able to state that the change has been made with but a slight interruption of business and that the department is in full and successful operation.

Very Respectfully,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, June 5. 1861.

Hon: James Pollock

Sir,

I enclose for your information a copy of a communication received by me this morning from Robert J. Stevens Esq. the newly appointed Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cala. The copies of the correspondence referred to in the Superintendents letter, as well as the Official Bonds of the Clerks appointed by him, are undergoing examination at this Office and will form the subject of a Special communication to You in the early part of next week.

I deem it proper in this connection to call Your attention to the 3d Section of the Act of July 3d 1852: statutes at Large page 11 Vol 10. - establishing the above Branch Mint, which requires that the Official Bonds of the Officers & Clerks thereof shall be approved by the "Director of the Mint, and the Secretary of the Treasury, or the District Attorney of the U. S. for the State of California". As the Official Bond of Mr Stevens as Superintendent and that of

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Mr Wiegand as Assayer, are the only ones that have been presented by the recently appointed Officers of the Branch Mint for the required approval of the Director. I have to request that you will inform me whether the Official Bond of D. W. Cheesman Esq, as Treasurer of that institution, has been received by you.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
James Pollock
Director
pr H. R. Linderman

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

close the Mint or not, as I chose, & generally intimating that I was unwarrantably interfering, and treated me very discourteously, I am entirely at a loss to account for this extraordinary conduct on his part.

The next day at 10 A.M. the late incumbent Major Snyder, who by the way, has held the office over 10 years & disbursed during that time ~~over~~ some $150.000.000. of the Gov't money, rushed into my office in a state of great excitement, and called on me to preserve order in the Mint, as he stated that a large body of men headed by Mr Cheesman had made a forcible entry into the Receiving room, that he knew not who they were &c &c. I went quickly into the Receiving room, which, with the Treasurer's room & the hall were filled with men & Mr C was haranguing the Clerks. I immediately called Mr C one side, (desiring him to step into the Treasurer's room, at the same time ordering it cleared, which was immediately done, the only person remaining being Mr Cheesman's nearest friend, whom he (Mr C) insisted should stay. Mr Snyder the late Treasurer being then present) & Mr C producing his commission &c I formally declared him (Mr C) the Treasurer of this Branch. This allayed the excitement immediately & Mr C's friends departed. It seems

Course, cause considerable embaraſsment both now & hereafter in the settlement of our general A/c's, the complex nature of which I need not explain to you. The Newspapers have taken hold of this matter & much to my annoyance, are making a great talk about it. I think all this might have been prevented had Mr C. called upon me as Mr S. stated to me, the moment after the occurrence above described, that all he wanted, was a formal authorization from the Supt to leave his office at once, without any of the neceſsary steps such as arranging his a/c's &c. Although I did not fully realize the right to do so, I felt Constrained under the circumstances to act as I did, to prevent scandal & difficulty. I will here remark that I had no previous opportunity of presenting Mr C. & that I much wished to do everything in my power to facilitate his induction into office, & in order to do this more effectually I, at this time gave a verbal order to Treasurer Cheesman, not to receive any more Bullion, understanding that he so desired, in order to diſembarraſs himself in a measure in the transfer. The exigencies of the case required this to be done without formality. Understanding some two hours later that the Treasurer did not desire this, but was taking poſseſsion without striking balances, I until the 8th inst. You will understand that I had been induced to make the order in the first place, disregarding the interests of the Depositors as of minor importance to the necessity of inducting a public officer, who demanded to assume his position & duties immediately. Mr C. refused to obey the verbal withdrawal & demanded a written order. Meantime Bullion was being deposited which he refused to receipt for, unless the written order was given, I then dispatched the order, to wit; "that unless there were important reasons affecting his Department to prevent it he was directed to receive Refined Gold Bullion for Coinage, up to Saturday 8th inst inclusive & received thereto the answer No 4 to which I replied in letter No 5 on the 6th, I received the resignation of Hammond, Paying Clerk, & Sanchez, Weighing Clerk, & also a letter from Mr Snyder (A) stating the fact of their resignation & that he retired from office on that day. I immediately addressed a letter to Treasurer Cheesman informing him of these facts (No 6) & that I should proceed to fill the vacancies. No answer being received I on the 7th made appointments in order that there should be no delay by any omission on my part, in the service of Govt, Simultaneously I notified the Treasurer of what I had done (No 7) & recd in answer No 8 received no answer.

And here, having placed a faithful record before them, I leave the matter in the hands of my Superiors, trusting that they will be convinced that I have acted in accordance with the law, precedent & instructions in my strict line of duty.

By the next mail I shall inform you fully of the progreſs of the settlement & furnish you with the Estimate of the probable expenses consequent thereupon as to repairs &c which I judge will be light. - - - - - -

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Accompanying this you will receive the bonds of Meſs Kimball, Book Keeper, Fitch Paying Clerk, & Kellogg Weighing Clerk

I am very resp'y &c
(signed) Robt. J. Stevens
Supt.

To
Director of Mint
Phila

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intention of holding on, either until the 30th of the present month, when the entire account should be settled, or at any rate until the 8th inst, three days beyond the then present time, in order to strike his balances after the Branch closed for settlement. This sudden entry of Mr Cheesman will, of

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former one & directing him to receive until the 8th
as the premature ceſsation of receiving would
accomplish no good result, & would on the contrary
seriously disappoint the depositors who as I before
stated were much in want of coin & expected
by the terms of the advertisement, to be allowed

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to which I replied in ~~a~~ letter No 9 [illegible] of this present month. I dispatched letter No 10 enclosing Copies of Correspondence (14 to 19) which I forward with this letter. On the same day I also sent letters No's 11 & 12 & on the 10th inst letter No 13 to which four last letters, up to this time (1 o'clock A.M., June 11th) I have

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(Copy)

Superintendents Office
U.S. Br Mint
San Francisco June 10th 1861

Sir,

Immediately on filing my official Bond at Washington I proceeded directly hither & on the 20th called on Supt. Hempstea. On the 21st, having taken the oath of office I again visited him & presented my credentials. In the course of the conversation that followed he intimated his supposition that I would not expect to aſsume the duties of the Office until the 1st July. I immediately stated that I should be prepared to relieve him on the 1st June. He demurred at this decision and stated strongly that he desired & expected to have until the last of June to close the settlement (then partially in proceſs for the reception of the new officers) & to close up his accounts covering all the operations of the old officers up to the time of their retiring & up to the end of the fiscal year, thus showing a perfect record of his administration. He considered this due to his reputation and the general harmony of the entire accounts of the Institution. I would here perhaps properly state that I have been an employee in this Branch since shortly after its organization & consider myself tolerably familiar with the workings of all its departments, I was therefore, fully informed as to what degree this was neceſsary as regarded the interests of the Government & I of course saw that the Supt. might transfer at any time without at all deranging the general regularity of the a/cs of the Institution as a whole. Still as he has been a very careful, economical, & highly efficient officer, I considered this quite a reasonable wish on his part, and took it under consideration

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for a day. After due deliberation, I did not feel at liberty under my instructions to accede to his views in the matter & declared definitely that I should expect to relieve him on the 1st of June, which I accordingly did, Mr Hempstead delivering poſseſsion of all the books & papers on the 31 May, and cordially and kindly aiding me in the aſsumption of my new duties, showing me the unfinished buſineſs & generally aſsisting me as far as was poſsible. Immediately upon this, I caused an advertisement of closure of the Branch for settlement to be made, to take effect on the 8th inst. I felt obliged to do this against the strong remonstrance of the Bankers and Merchants who are much in want of coin, owing to the extraordinary state of affairs now existing at the East, which has turned the Bullion out of its usual channel, causing it to return to the interior in Coin instead of going East in Bars. It seemed to me at this juncture that the public convenience should be subservient to the neceſsity of the earliest induction of the new Officers. On the 2nd inst Meſs Denis & Schmolz, the newly appointed Melter & Refiner and Coiner called upon me & left official notes stating their readineſs to aſsume their duties at the earliest poſsible moment, and also, their expectation that the settlement would be completed & themselves inducted by the 1st July. I presented them to the incumbents of those positions, who received them cordially & profeſsed themselves desirous of transferring the offices as speedily as could be done consistent with the interests of all concerned, which transfer, was thought could be made by the 20th June. On the 3 inst. Mr Wiegand the new Aſsayer, called upon me & presented his commiſsion, and stated his desire & intention to enter immediately upon the discharge of his duties.

He was formerly Aſsayer of this Branch, and as he was well acquainted with the present incumbent, he waived my offer to present him &c. He visited me again on the following day & announced that he should not aſsume his position until the 1st July & left an official note to that Effect.

I have alluded to the state of partial settlement that existed at the time of my arrival. It was thus:- Mr Hempstead my predeceſsor had closed against Crude Bullion from & after May 21 & from that date, only refined Bullion was received, thus giving an opportunity for the M & R's Department to commence cleaning up. After minute investigation in the Coiner's Department, my judgement is, that the settlement can be completed by the 30th inst, The new operative officers, however, incline to the opinion that it will linger until the 1st of July & are contented to aſsume their duties at that time. I shall give aſsiduous and untiring attention in each Department, to procure the faithful & diligent discharge of the duties on the part of bothe Officers & Men.

It is with much regret, that I now enter upon a subject which has caused me extreme mortification, inasmuch as it has tended to excite a feeling of insubordination in the Institution & subvert its discipline &, also, to cause scandal to the Administrati

I allude to the extraordinary conduct of Mr Cheesman, the new Treasurer, Mr C- and myself were known to each other here,- met again at Washington, & came out here together on the same Steamer, & he called at my house a few days after our arrival, to introduce a friend, & stated on his departure, that he should leave for the interior that afternoon;- this visit was

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entirely unofficial, as Mr C— had not at that time qualified. On the 4th inst I received the accompanying letter (No 1) from the then incumbent of the Mint Treasury, Mr Snyder. The preſsure of immediate busineſs on hand, prevented instant attention to it, and a short time after, another letter from the same source (No 2) was presented, enclosing a note from D. W. Cheesman to J. R. Snyder (No 3). Before deliberating longer, I wrote three lines to Mr Snyder, acknowledging receipt of his letter & Enclosure & promised speedy attention. This correspondenc was the first intimation I had received of Mr Cheesman return to the City & also, of his having prepared himself to aſsume his office. I was not strictly in a position to addreſs him officially, as he had not calle upon me, or presented his credentials, or in any way officially notified me of his presence or intentions. At this moment, happening to learn where he could be foun I called upon him unofficially and in the course of a short interview, after stating the character of my visit, added that certain letters (No's 1 & 2) had been received by me that day which I wished to advise with him officially about & begged him to go to my office, for that purpose, to which he very reluctantly aſsented; being arrived, I submitted the letters & went on to Explain the nature of the Mint aſs'y & the general embaraſsment that would attend a closure of the Mint before the time advertised, (June 8) asked to know his desires in the matter, & suggested the advisability of his waiting the 3 days; — he heard me with manifest impatience for a short time, but soon cut short the interview in a very discourteous manner, stating, in effect, that he could manage his own Department; that it was entirely distinct from mine; that I could

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 8th 1861.

Sir,

Referring to the requisition from this Office of the 2nd inst. for Twenty Four Thousand Four Hundred and Seventy Five Dollars: I beg to state that the Mint is much in need of funds to pay current expenses, and have therefore, to request that a draft for the amount may be sent to the Treasurer of the Mint as soon as convenient.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
James Pollock,
Director,
pr. H. R. Linderman,

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philada. July 10, 1861.

Sir,

In compliance with the Act of March 4, 1853, c. 97, I present herewith a statement of the Expenditures of the Mint for the Quarter ending June 30, 1861:

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint for the Quarter ending June 30, 186

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$6,975.00
Wages of Workmen & Adjusters	29,567.47
Incidental & Contingent Expenses (including freight on Bullion)	19,549.82
	$56,092.29

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Srvt,
Jas. Pollock
Director.

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia July 16. 1861.

Sir.

On the 1st inst. I had the honor to call your attention to the neceſsity of providing by an appropriation during the present Seſsion of Congreſs, for a deficiency of $40.474.83, existing at the close of the fiscal year ending June 30. 1861, under the head of "Freight on the transportation of gold bullion and coin between the Assay Office N.Y. and the Mint". As this item does not appear to be embraced in the proceedings of Congreſs, I fear that it may, in the preſsure of busineſs, have escaped your notice. I therefore beg to recall your attention to the subject, and express the hope that the deficiency appropriation requested, will be made by Congreſs during its present Seſsion. I may add, that we will be seriously embarraſsed if this appropriation is not made; there being no available funds to meet the deficiency in question.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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MINT OF UNITED STATES,
Treasurer's Office,

Philadelphia
July 18th 1861

Sir,

I have your letter of the 16th inquiring whether means cannot be devised for furnishing you small gold coins. In any ordinary condition of business at the Mint we could readily engage to provide for you whatever you required for your wants, but such is the unprecedented amount of deposits now thrown upon us that it is with difficulty we are able to meet the demands made upon the establishment. In June we delivered a coinage of $9,687,224, and the prospect is that this rate of coinage will be demanded of us for some weeks yet, as we see no signs of a slackening of deposits. It is impossible, consequently, to divert our force to any considerable manufacture of small coins, and to increase the force would speedily exhaust our appropriations. I am, therefore, unable to afford encouragement that, for the present at least we can furnish small coin from the Mint.

Upon inquiry of the Banks I find that a large amount of silver coin could be had of them (about $400,000) and a trifle perhaps in small gold. Could not silver be made available for your purposes? If you think so, and will send me drafts for what you need I will negotiate the exchange, and endeavor also to procure small gold.

Very respectfully
J. H. Walton
Treas

F. E. Spinner, Esq. Treas
Washington, D.C.

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84 Dated Philada July 19 1861.

Rec'd, Washington, 19 1861, o'clock, min. M.

To Hon S. P. Chase

Secty Treasury

With an additional appropriation of forty thousand dollars We can supply you with small coin after a few days delay in organizing an Extra force and also meet the increased demands of Depositors—

Jas Pollock
Director Mint
of the U. S.

D 33/col 122—

Philad.
19th July 1861

James Lesley Jr. Esq.

Sir, As I was not able to see the Hon Secretary of War, when in Washington, I will have to lay my case before him in writing, and depend on your kind favour, to lay this before him.

Mr. Walton the present Treasr. of the Mint, who was appointed by Mr. Buchanan when he removed Dr. Sturgeon, promised the Hon John L. Dawson and others that he would retain me in his Office, I suppose that now he has had some assurance that he will be retained in his place, he has forgot his former promises, and concluded that he would put his Son, a young man of about nineteen years of age in my place, not as he says that he has any objections to me, but that he wishes to take care of his Son John, Some of my friends are interesting themselves with the Secretary of the Treasy in my behalf, all that they ask is that I be retained in place so long as the present Democratic Treasr. is in Office. If a Republican is appointed, and he wishes to remove me on political grounds, neither my friends

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-nor myself would make any objections. I may say in this connection that to this time there has not been a clerk removed from the Mint, except for cause or for appropriating bullion of the Mint, to their own use, If the Hon Mr Cameron would speak to the Hon Secty of the Treasy. in my behalf, I would be under great obligation to him, or if he would write to the Treasr of the Mint advising him not to remove me it would have the desired affect, As you have had some business with the Mint, and it has been my pleasure to wait on you could not you say if I was not so far as you know, always willing to attend to my duties, and assist those who had business with the Mint so far as I was able, Hoping that you will submit this to the Hon Secty of War, I remain your sincere friend, and assure you that if at any it should be in my power make a return to you it shal be most happy and willing to do it, if any thing is done it must be before the last of this month

Yours &c Wm H. Sturgeon

July 19 - 1861 - Philada.

W. H. Sturgeon - Clerk
in the Mint at Philada.

To be submitted to the
Secretary when a com:
:munication from the
Treasurer of the Mint
on the subject shall
be received —

Communication from
the Treasurer of the
Mint received this day
and submitted, enclosed.
MCK.
July 29. 1861

Very Kindly referred
to the Secy. of Treasy.
The writer and his
father are old friends
of the Secy. & Pres.
J. Lesley Jr
Chief Clerk

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U States Mint
Philadelphia July 25th 1861

Sir,

When I took the Office of Treasurer of the Mint in July 1858, I refused to make any changes in the Clerks, with one exception, preferring the experience of those in Office to the risk of appointing new ones. Mr Patterson my Confidential Clerk and the most reliable of them all for his long experience and accurate Knowledge of all the minutia of the Minting opperations, who has held that position for Eight years, having previously filled the positions of Directors Clerk for many years, to which he was appointed by his Father who for many years was Director of the Mint) may after a time desire to withdraw from his position, as he could live with out the Salary & remains perhaps more for the employment than the emoluments, in case of his withdrawel no Clerk now in the Institution could supply his place, with a view of this matter and the interest of the Institution, I have for a long time contemplated putting some active intelligent Young

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man in the position of Warrant Clerk (now filled by Wm H Sturgeon) who could make himself thoroughly acquainted with all the opperations of the Mint, relating to the Treasury Department, and be ready to fill the place of Mr Patterson when vacant or temporarially absent.

Mr Sturgeon who has been Warrant Clerk for the last Eight years - either from a want of proper direction of his mind, or business talent to perform the minutia and Complicated details necessary would never be able to qualify himself for a position of that Kind, after eight years experience at his present desk, the duties of which are simple, and not arduous, he has not availed himself of the excellent opportunities offered (by being in the same room with Mr Patterson) to make himself acquainted with any of the important duties of that desk, personally I have the Kindest feeling for Mr Sturgeon, but in view of the above facts, and frequent Conversation with others about the Institution, it was thought advisable to put some other person in his place who by application could soon qualify himself to supply the place of Mr Patterson in the event of his retirement, I therefor gave him notice

Sometime since that his services would not be required after the close of the last quarter, a step I much regretted to take except that I considered a duty as a public Officer.

It is proper to state that shortly after Hon Dan'l Sturgeon was appointed Treasurer of the Mint in 1853, Mr Patterson retired from the Mint as also did Messrs Dunning & Edelman now of the Assay Office, In consequence of the loss of these experienced Clerks the accounts of the institution became confused and Mr Sturgeon the Treas, found it necessary to employ with the consent of the Department Mr Patterson to re-examine & straighten up the acts, soon thereafter he induced him to accept his present position

Mr Sturgeon said he had no complaint to make as he expected to have left long since ~~as he~~ & had no claims for continuance, but he thought the notice short, and requested as a personal favour to himself that I should leave him remain another month which request I immediately granted, since then I have understood he has been circulating a Petition among some of his friends directed to yourself asking his retention, I have not as yet made any appointment in his place, although I did contemplate, if with your approval to appoint my son John M

Walton, who is an active intelligent young man well qualified, as three years experience (in the Mint and under Mr Pattersons care and tuition) has clearly demonstrated, and who I trust will be qualified to answer the end sought for by the removal of Mr Sturgeon, but of that I am not tenacious and would yield to the appointment of any other proper person,

The above is a plain statement of the matter I have consulted with the Director and he cordially approved of the course I have taken, well knowing my son and his qualifications, I ~~[illegible]~~ deem it proper to place the facts before you as I have understood Mr S. has made application to be retained.

I have the honor to be
with great respect
Your Obt Servant
I. H. Walton
Treas US Mint

Hon S. P. Chase
Secy of the Treasury
Washington DC

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 20. 1861.

Sir.

I received late last evening your telegraphic despatch, requesting me to state what additional appropriation will be required, to increase the force in the Mint so as to supply a sufficient amount of small coin, to which I replied by telegraph that $40.000, would be sufficient for that purpose.

For your further information on the subject, I have to state that our inability to meet, in a short time, any large demand for small gold coin, arises from the want of a sufficient Bullion Fund, which prevents us from keeping a stock of coin on hand out of which to pay depositors the value of their bullion, as soon as the same has been ascertained by assay. In consequence of having but a very small Bullion Fund, depositors are compelled to wait for payment until their bullion can be made into coin: and where small coin are required more time is necessarily consumed than in preparing double eagles, the former requiring the same time and manipulatory operations as the latter, for example, with the present force of

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the Mint, we can coin daily the following amounts of either of the several gold coins, viz:

Of Double Eagles	per day	$400,000
Eagles	"	200,000
Half Eagles	"	100,000
Quarter Eagles	"	50,000
One Dollar Pieces	"	20,000

The receipts of gold to be coined from the 1st. to the 20th. of July inclusive, were $6.300.000, which averages $350,000 for each of the eighteen working days. Now, it will ~~therefore~~ be seen by comparing the daily receipts with the capacity for coinage, that the time required to make returns to depositors.- about 14 days when made in double eagles.- will be increased in proportion to the low denomination demanded, unless we shall be provided with a Bullion Fund, out of which to pay the commercial demands in large coin, during the time we are engaged in converting bullion into small denominations.

If the Department has funds in New York, out of which, say, $3.000.000, in double eagles, could be transferred to the Mint, to pay for bullion in course of manufacture, we could at once put our whole force on the preparation of an equivalent amount in small coin. An increase

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of the Bullion Fund. With an extra force now being organized, would enable the Mint to prepare and keep on hand, a stock of coin to meet the wants of the Government and the public, with convenience and despatch. The amount could be withdrawn by the Government when required, by giving a few weeks notice.

It is desirable that we should be informed of the amount and denominations of small coin, which the Treasurer of the U. S. will probably require.

I hope that it will be found convenient to give us a sufficient Bullion Fund, to enable the Mint to make prompt returns, in such denominations as will meet the wants of the Government and the public, for the hitherto unprecedented amount of Bullion received for coinage.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your obedient servant,
James Pollock, Director.
pr. H. R. Linderman

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 20. 1861.

Mr Pollock, the Director, had made his preparations for a days absence from Town, before he received your despatch of last evening. — He answered the same by telegraph, and directed that your attention should be called, by letter to-day, to the necessity of an increase of the Bullion Fund of the Mint.

H. R. Linderman
Directors Clerk,

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Mint of the United States.

Philada. July 27. 1861.

Sir,

Enclosed please find two certificates of the Assistant Treasurer of the U. S. at Philadelphia, for payments made by me into the Treasury of the U. S. as follows:

Certificate No. 2024, for $176.66 being balance in my hands to the credit of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at Charlotte, N. C.

Certificate No. 2015, for $502.19 being balance in my hands to the credit of the Treasurer of the Branch Mint at Dahlonega Ga.

The foregoing sums were no longer applicable to the purpose for which they were intended, viz: to pay for supplies purchased here for the Branch Mints aforestated. I therefore, deemed it proper to transfer the same to the Treasury of the U. States.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Very Respectfully, Yr. Obt. Servt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, July 29. 1861.

Sir.

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco. Cala. of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 29th ulto.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Superintendents' Office,
U. S. Branch Mint,
San Francisco, Cal, July 5th 1861.

Sir;

In conformity with Treasury circular of December 18th 1854, I have the honor to report that upon examination & count, I find in e hands of the Treasurer of this Branch, on the 29th Day of ne 1861, the sum of One Hundred & Eighty Nine thousand, One Hundred & Fourteen 74/100 Dollars, ($189.114 $\frac{74}{100}$), inclusive of a redit at the Mint in Philadelphia of $71. $\frac{91}{100}$, and that the Books of the Treasurer of this Branch show a balance in e hands of the Treasurer of One Hundred & Eighty Nine thousand, One Hundred & Three 81/100 Dollars, ($189.103 $\frac{81}{100}$), e excess of actual cash on hand being $10 $\frac{93}{100}$.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt Servant,
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

To Hon Salmon P. Chase.
Secty of the Treasury,
Washington.
D.C.

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia August 1. 1861.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of busineſs on the 31st ult. exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer:

In Gold coins	$74.180.00
In Silver coins	134.910.17
In Cent coins	3.858.46
In Ordinary Fund	9.054.08
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$222.101.86

corresponding with the balances as stated upon his books of account.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally gave satisfactory evidence that the busineſs of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servt.
Ja. Pollock
Director

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia August 1. 1861.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 30th. ulto. We have been making preparations for the last ten days to meet the demand for small gold coin. On the 26th. ulto. we sent to the Assay Office. New York. $155.000 in quarter eagles. and we have now in the hands of of the Coiner. half Eagle planchets amounting to about $200,000. which will be coined and ready for delivery, by Monday or Tuesday next.

In consequence of having unpaid gold deposits to the amount of near $5,000,000. we will be required to coin double eagles during a portion of each week, until there is a falling off in the receipts of gold deposits, otherwise the time for making returns to depositors will be considerably increased.

I propose. with your approbation, to confine, for the present, our operations in gold, to the coinage of double eagles: half and quarter eagles. in the proportion of 3 days for double eagles. one day for 1/2 and two for quarter eagles. which will give us gold coin per week as follows:

Double Eagles	3 days	of $425,000	=	$1,275,000
Half Eagles	1 "	"		120,000
Quarter Eagles	2 "	"	55,000	110,000
Total per week				$1,505,000

If we had the use of a sufficient "Bullion Fund" for a short time, we could confine our operations, exclusively to the preparation of 1/2 and 1/4 eagles until the requirements of the Government for these denominations of coin, were met.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philada. Aug 2. 1861.

Sir,

I have to call your attention to a requisition made on the Department, for $25,000. on the 12th. ulto. by Geo. F. Dunning Esq. Act. Superintendent of the Assay Office N.Y.. This requisition was inadvertantly forwarded direct to You, by the Act. Superintendent, instead of being presented through me. I however approve of the same, and have to request that You will cause a draft for the Amount to be sent to the Treasurer of the Assay Office. as soon as convenient. The Act. Superintendent, informs me that there are no funds to pay the daily expenses of the Office.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Copy

United States Assay Office
New York July 12. 1861

ir,

I respectfully request that you will issue your Warrant in favor of John J. Cisco, Treasurer, for Twenty five thousand dollars on account of appropriations for the support of this Office, viz:

For Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$5,000.—
" Wages of Workmen	10,000.—
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses	10,000.—
	25,000.00

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.,
(Signed) Geo. F. Demming,
Acting Supt.

Hon. Salmon P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia August. 3, 1861.

Sir,

Enclosed please find a statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Mint for the month of July last.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philada. during the month of July 1861

Deposits

Gold		9.585.573.89
Silver	Deposits and purchases	215.926.19
	Total Deposits of Gold + Silver	$9.801.500.08
	Copper cents recd. in ex. for cents of new issue	$4.585.00

Coinage

Gold		
Double Eagles	406.610	8.132.200.
"	1.700	17.000
Half "	7.780	38.900
Quar "	120.282	300.705
Bars	3	3.408.54
	536.375	$8.492.213.54
Silver		
Half Dollars	294.000	147.000
Quar "	528.000	132.000
	822.000	$279.000
Cents	1.100.000	$11.000

Recapitulation

Gold	536.375	8.492.213.54
Silver	822.000	279.000.00
Copper	1.100.000	11.000.00
Total No. pieces	2.458375	Total value $8.782.213.54

Mint of the United States
Philada July 31/1861.

Jas. Pollock
Director

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Mint of the United States.
Philada. August 8, 1861.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 6th. inst. I have to state, that the whole amount of my requisition of the 2nd. inst. for $40.474.83, is not actually due to the Adams Express Co; the sum of $25.459.62, having been paid thereon by an advance from the Ordinary Fund of the Mint, which was made to accommodate the Express Co. who were much in need of funds. The amount thus advanced, must be restored to the Ordinary Fund, from the deficiency appropriation, in order to enable us to carry on the operations of the Mint. The whole amount of the requisition, will therefore, be required.

I may add, that our available means, will, in consequence of the increased expenses attending our heavy operations in gold bullion, be barely sufficient, with the most rigid economy, to carry us through the current fiscal year.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Philadelphia Aug 27/61.

To Hon: Abraham Lincoln

Respected Sir

Do not I beg of you throw this aside without reading it through. The object of my addressing you is in regard to the employees in the Adjusting room of the U. S. Mint in this City. They are Ladies, all respectable Ladies of reduced means. The rules are that the Ladies shall go to work at the early hour of 7. a. m. and shall work till 5½ P. m. in a *close room*, without a *breath of air* and with a *hot fire* in the room, *all the time*, such weather as it has been heare. Is it not an outrage, that Ladies should be confined in such a manner, because they have the misfortune to be poor. Ladies are daily almost hourly taken sick and have to be carried home in carridges. And I consider it my duty as a medical man to *protest* against killing Ladies in such a manner. If you must employ females, do it under better rules, give the Ladies a chance for recreation; let them have pure air and enough of it. Let me hear from you and believe me

Respectfully Yours

C. H. Porter M. D.

527. N. 22nd St

Philada.

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Mint of the United States.
Philada. Aug 31. 1861.

Sir.

As Mr. Walton, the Treasurer of the Mint, proposes to be absent from the City for a few days from to-day. I have at his request and pursuant to the 7th Section of the General Mint law, appointed Mr. Robert Patterson (principal Clerk in the Treasurers Office) to act as Treasurer during Mr. Waltons absence.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Aug 31, 1861.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business to-day exhibited the following balance in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

In Gold Coins,	$46,410.50
In Silver Coins,	99,301.70
In Cent Coins,	4,205.05
In Ordinary Fund,	18,379.84
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
Total	$168,396.24

corresponding with the balance as stated upon the account books in his Office.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Sept 3 1861

Sir:

Enclosed you will please find Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint for the month of August.

Very respectfully
Yr. obdt. Servt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase
Sec: of the Treasury

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Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, during the month of August 1861.

Deposits

Gold	5.040.018.20
Silver	601.316.22
Total Deposits G. & S.	$5.641.334.42

Copper cents rec'd in exchange for cents of new issue	$5.840.00
	"

Coinage

Gold Denomination	No. pieces	
Double Eagles	265.103	5.302.060.00
"	49.384	493.840.00
Half "	193.235	966.175.00
Quar "	198.528	496.320.00
Bars	4	2.940.89
	706.254	$7.261.335.89

Silver		
Hlf. Dollars	668.000	334.000
Quar. "	334.000	83.500
Dimes	150.000	15.000
Hlf Dimes	200.000	10.000
Three Cent p's.	74.000	2.220
	1.426.000	$444.720

Cents	900.000	$9.000

Recapitulation

Gold	706.254	7.261.335.89
Silver	1.426.000	444.720.00
Cents	900.000	9.000.00
Total No. pieces	3.032.254 Total value	$7.715.055.89

Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Mint of the United States.

Philada. Sept. 5. 1860.

Sir.

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, San Francisco, of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st. day of July last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
James Ross Snowden
Director of the Mint.

Hon Howell Cobb.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington City.

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala, August 9th 1860 ~~185~~.

Sir,

In conformity with Treasury Circular of December 18th 1854. I have the honor to report that upon examination and Count, I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch on the 31st day of July 1860. the sum of Three Hundred & Ninety Thousand, Five Hundred & Forty Seven $\frac{03}{100}$ Dollars ($390.547.$\frac{03}{100}$) and that there is to the Credit of this Branch the sum of Four Hundred & Fifty Six $\frac{96}{100}$ Dollars. ($456.$\frac{96}{100}$) on deposit at the Mint in Philadelphia making a total of Three Hundred & Ninety One Thousand & Three $\frac{99}{100}$ Dollars ($391.003.$\frac{99}{100}$) which amount corresponds with the balance as exhibited by the books of the Treasurer of this Branch on that day.

Very Respectfully
Your Obdt. Servt.
Chas. H. Hempstead.
Superintendent
"

Hon. Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington
D.C.

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia Sept. 11. 1861.

Sir,

In compliance with the instructions contained in your Circular of the 16th. ulto. and the provisions of the Act of August 6. 1861, entitled "An act requiring an oath of allegiance, and to support the Constitution of the United States, to be administered to certain persons in the civil service of the United States" I caused the said oath to be taken by each and every person now employed in this institution. The oaths of the Officers of the Mint are transmitted herewith. Those of all other persons employed in the institution have been placed on the files of this Office.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philada. Sept. 17. 1861.

Sir,

I am advised by the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cala. that it is not probable that R. Elole. whose bid for supplying that institution with acids for three years from the 1st. inst, was accepted. will be able to comply with the terms of the proposal. In that case we shall have to communicate with the next lowest responsible bidder for furnishing the acids in question. Please therefore, to return to me the papers on this subject enclosed in my letter to You of the 13th. July last. I need particularly the copies of the bids which were embraced among the same.

I have the honor to be
With great respect,
Your Obt. Servant,
James Pollock
Director of the Mint
pr. H. R. Linderman

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Sept. 18. 1861.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal: exhibiting the result of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 31st. July last.

I have the honor to be,
Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt,
James Pollock,
Director U. S. Mint
pr H R Linderman

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Superintendent's Office,
U. S. Branch Mint,
San Francisco, California, Aug 1. 1861.

Sir.

In conformity with Treasury circular of December 18th 1854, I have the honor to report that upon examination & count, I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch, on the 31st Day of July 861, the sum of One Hundred & Eighty Five Thousand, Six Hundred & Thirty Six 74/100 Dollars, (\$185.636. 74/100,) inclusive of a credit at the Mint in Philadelphia of \$71 91/100, which amount corresponds with the Balance as exhibited by the Books of the Treasurer on hat day.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant,
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

To Hon Salmon P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington.
D.C.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Sept 20. 1861.

Sir,

I have received your letter of the 18th inst. enclosing for my examination & report a letter from R. E. Cole of San Francisco, in relation to his bid for supplying the Branch Mint in that City with acids.

Before considering the point presented by Mr. Cole, I deem it proper to make some reference to the "reserve" acids, referred to in his communication. It has been the practice for several years past to keep on storage, at the Branch Mint Warehouse, from three to five hundred carboys of acids as a reserve to be used in case of the accidental destruction of the Acid Works, and also, to guard against extortion at the expiration of any contract. In January last, the Supt. (Mr Hempstead,) finding that the old carboys on storage were becoming much damaged, dangerous to be removed, and the acid deteriorating, deemed it prudent to use up the reserve and replace the same with fresh acid. When the Contractors, Messrs Judson &c. were called upon to furnish 500 carboys of acid to replace that which had been used, they declined doing so but expressed their willingness to furnish the same after the 1st Sept. (1861) at which time their contract expired. When these facts were reported to me I immediately made arrangements to ship 500 carboys of parting acid from this City. Before the acid could be shipped, I received a call from H. P. Coon Esq. of San Francisco, who agreed in behalf of Judson & Co. to furnish, within 45 days from that date, May 18th last, 300 carboys of Nitric & 100 of Sulphuric acid for Storage at the Branch Mint, as a reserve supply. Fearing that the contractors might possibly fail to comply with this agreement, I caused 200 carboys of acid to be shipped to the Br. Mint from this City, which is now about due at San Francisco. Messrs Judson & Co. furnished the acid for storage as stipulated by Mr Coon, which with that shipped from here, (should the same arrive safely at S. F.) will constitute, ~~will~~ a supply sufficient for three or four months.

I apprised the Supt of Mr. Coons

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agreement & the shipments made from here at the same time instructed him to invite proposals, by public advertisement, for supplies, for one, two or three years, & send the same through me to you for your decision. Before my instructions were received, however, the Supt. had invited Bids for supplies of acid in the usual form. The proposals received were forwarded to you by me on the 16th of July last with the suggestion, that the bid of R. E. Cole, being the lowest received, be accepted, on condition that satisfactory security be given in the sum of $25,000 for the faithful performance of the contract.

Mr Coles proposal was "to furnish nitric acid and Sulphuric acid to the U. S. Government – to be delivered at the Mint in San Francisco, in such quantities and at such times as may be demanded for the purpose of parting and refining gold and silver for the period of three years from and after the 1st Sept. 1861".

The Supt. informs me that he had notified Mr. Cole that he would be required to comply with his proposal without reference to the "reserve acids".

I have no knowledge of any understanding in relation to using the Acids in question until the successful bidder would have time to erect Acid Works, as intimated by Mr. Cole.

If Mr Cole, really designs to erect Acid Works and can complete them within, say, three months, and obtain within that time, the raw materials used in the manufacture of Nitric Acid, viz. Nitrate of Soda, and Sulphur or oil of vitriol, it would, in my opinion, be well to grant the extension asked. The Department might authorize the extension of time, on condition that Mr Cole, satisfies the Superintendent and the Special Agent of the Department at San Francisco, on the points above indicated.

In the meantime I think that it will be well, as a matter precaution, to make one or more shipments of nitric or parting acid, from here, and thus keep up the supplies until they can be obtained by contract at San Francisco.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servt,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

P.S. Mr Cobs letter & enclosures are herewith returned. Please advise me of your decision in this case.
J. P.

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Copy

To the Superintendent of the United States Branch Mint at San Francisco.

The undersigned Egbert Judson & J. L. N. Shepard hereby propose to furnish the United States Branch Mint at San Francisco, during One, two or three years, at your option, from the first day of September 1861, with Nitric & Sulphuric Acid as the same shall be required for the uses of the said Mint at the rate of twelve and one half cents per pound for Nitric Acid and Four cents per pound for Sulphuric Acid for One year. If for two years, then we offer to furnish Nitric Acid at Twelve cents per pound & Sulphuric Acid at three & three fourth cents per pound. If for three years, we offer to furnish Nitric Acid at Eleven cents per pound & Sulphuric Acid at three & one half cents per pound.

And attached hereto is our joint & several bond, that we will enter into a contract with the Branch Mint which shall contain stipulations and conditions similar to those contained in the contract under which the Mint is now supplied with acids if our Bid is accepted upon the terms hereinbefore laid down, and as sureties for the due execution of the contract so to be entered into, we will give F. F. Lowe and J. C. Birdseye, or others satisfactory to the Government. Dated, San Francisco, June 25th AD 1861. (signed.) Egbert Judson.

(signed.) J. L. N. Shepard.

Know all Men by these Presents, that We, Egbert Judson & J. L. N. Shepard, Principals and F. F. Lowe & J. C. Birdseye as sureties are hereby jointly and severally held & bound to the United States of America in the penal sum of Fifty Thousand Dollars. Witness our hands and seals, this 25th day of June A.D. Eighteen Hundred and Sixty One, at San Francisco. The condition of this obligation is such, that whereas the said Judson and Shepard have this day

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made a bid for the furnishing nitric and sulphuric acid to the said United States for the uses of its Branch Mint at San Francisco upon the terms, conditions and prices in said bid in writing contained, which bid is hereto annexed & made a part hereof. Now if said bid shall accepted by the said United States & the said Judson & Shepard shall enter into a contract for the due execution of their said proposition with good & sufficient sureties therefor, – then this obligation shall be void, – otherwise in full force and effect. (signed) Egbert Judson {Seal}
F. F. Low {Seal}. J. C. Birdseye {Seal} (signed.) J. L. N. Shepard. {Seal}

Indorsed.

Proposal to furnish U. S. Branch Mint at San Francisco with acids.

Copy.

San Francisco, Cal^{a} June 20th 1861.

R. J. Stevens.
Superintendent of the United States Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal^{a}.
Sir;

I herewith propose to furnish Nitric Acid and Sulphuric Acids to the United States Government, to be delivered at the Mint in San Francisco, in such quantities and at such times as may be demanded for the purpose of parting and refining Gold & Silver. For the period of three years from and after the 1st day of September next, at the following rates. Nitric Acid @ 10 cents per pound. Sulphuric Do, at 3¢ per pound. The specific gravity of the Nitric Acid to be 38° Beaume & the Sulphuric Acid to be 60° do. To be delivered in Carboys for which a charge of $2.00 will be made, if broken or not returned. Ample security will be given for the faithful fulfillment of the contract. Respectfully Submitted.

(signed) R. E. Cole.

R. J. Stevens Esqr. Supt U. S. Branch Mint. San Francisco.

Dear Sir: In compliance with your call for proposals for furnishing the Mint with Acids, We beg leave to submit the following proposition. - We will supply the Mint with Acids for the term of three years from the 1st day of Septr 1861 in such quantities from time to time as may be required, at the following rates. -

For Nitric Acid of 38° strength "Beaume" Twelve cents per pound.

For Sulphuric Acid 60° strength "Beaume" Four cents per pound

For the faithful performance of the above contract We will give ample & satisfactory Bonds in any Amount required. Very Respectfully Yours &c

San Francisco, June 26. 1861. (signed.) Dana Bros & Co.

Recapitulation of Bids for supplying Acids.

Names of Bidders.	Time.	What Acids.	Price. per lb	Strength.
Judson & Shepard.	1 Year	Nitric	12½ ¢	38° "Beaume"
" " "	2 "	"	12 ¢	" "
" " "	3 "	"	11 ¢	" "
" " "	1 "	Sulphuric	4 ¢	60° "
" " "	2 "	"	3¾ ¢	" "
" " "	3 "	"	3½ ¢	" "
Frank Soule.	1.2. or 3.	Nitric	11 ¢	as required.
" "	1.2. or 3.	Sulphuric.	3½ ¢	" "
R. E. Cole.	3 Years.	Nitric.	10 ¢	38° "Beaume"
" " "	3 "	Sulphuric.	3 ¢	60°
O. M. Wozencraft.		Nitric	12 ¢	as required.
" " "		Sulphuric	3¾ ¢	" "
H. P. Wakelee.	1 Year.	Nitric	12¼ ¢	38° "Beaume"
" " "	2 "	"	12 ¢	" "
" " "	3 "	"	10½ ¢	" "
" " "	1.2 or 3.	Sulphuric.	3¾ ¢	60° "
Dana, Brothers & Co.	3 Years.	Nitric	12 ¢	38° "
" " "	3 "	Sulphuric	4 ¢	60° "

All of which is respectfully submitted.

U. S. Br Mint. San Fran, Cal.
June 26. 1861

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

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Copy,

San Francisco, Cal, June 20. 1861.

ot J. Stevens. Supt U. S. Branch Mint. S. F.

Sir; I herewith propose to furnish acids to the United States vernment to be delivered at the Mint in San Francisco at such times, and such quantities as may be demanded for the term of One, two or three ars from the first of September 1861, at the following rates: tric Acid 11 cents per pound. Sulphuric Acid $3\frac{1}{2}$ cents per pound. The Acids to be of the specific gravity required for separating and ining Gold and Silver. Ample security will be furnished for the ithful fulfillment of the contract. Respectfully submitted.

(signed.) Frank Soule.

Copy,

San Francisco, June 21st 1861.

J. Stevens Esqr. Sup Branch Mint, San Francisco, Cal.

Dear Sir; I herewith propose to furnish supplys of acids to the Branch Mint in this city in such quantities and at such times, and of the ecific gravities required by the institution at the following rates. viz: itric Acid at 12 cts per lb. Sulphuric Acid at $3\frac{3}{4}$ cts per lb. he deliveries to be made in glass carboys all of which shall be turned when emptied. Ample security will be given for the aithful performance of the contract.

(signed) O. M. Wozencraft.

Copy,

To R. J. Stevens Esqr. Superintendent U. S. B. Mint, San Francisco

I hereby propose to manufacture for and supply the United States Branch Mint, at San Francisco, for the term of one, two, or three years Acid which the said Branch Mint may require on the following terms, to wit: Nitric or parting acid of 38° strength Baumé at the rate of

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twelve & one fourth (12¼) cents per pound for the first year, — twelve (12) cents per pound for the second year, — or for three years at the rate of ten & one half (10½) cents per pound, and Sulphuric Acid of 60° strengt at the rate of three & three-fourths (3¾) cents per pound for one, two or three years. The said acids are to be delivered in glass carboys daily or when required at the said Branch Mint in San Francisco. The carboys empty to b returned by the U. S. Branch Mint & the said Branch Mint to allow fifty cents for use and repacking of each carboy returned & I do further agree that immediately up the signing of contract I will give Bonds in the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars a security for the faithful performance of the stipulations of the contract, barring the destruction of my factory by fire or other unforseen or unavoidable casualty or the loss of any shipment of my raw material by sea. — In the event of any such casualty, I agree to give notice to the Superintendent of the U. S. Branch Min of my ability or inability to carry out the aforesaid requirements and continue the necessar supply of acids within as brief a period as the said supply can be obtained from any other source. The Secretary of the Treasury to provide such means as he may deem expedient in the event of a failure to insure to the said Branch Mint a reliable and sufficient supply of Acids for the future. In consideration of the above, I require that the said Branch Mint shall take and use from all the acids required for refining purposes to carry on the operations of the said Branch Mint for the aforesaid terms of one, two or three years.

(signed) H. P. Wakelee.

San Francisco 26th June 1861.

The following has been added to & constitutes a part of Mess Judson & Shepard's Bid as found on Page 1. "Nitric Acid is to be thirty eight degrees strength, Beaume, and Sulphuric Acid, Sixty degrees strength, Beaume."

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San Francisco Aug 24th 1861

Hon S. P. Chase
Secty of the Treasury

Having been awarded the contrac for supplying the acids for the mint at this place for three years and having commenced making the neceſsary preparations to fulfill the same — I regrett to inform you that Superintendant R. J. Stevens has interposed such obstructions as to embarase me and cause me to addreſs myself directly to you.

When he determined to recieve proposal for a supply of acids, he expected to close or accept the proposals at once so as to give compeditors time to erect works before the expiratoon of the old contract which is on the 1st of September — He subsequently determined to send the proposals on to Philadelphia for action there And as it would be impossible for any parties to compete with the old contractors, by commencing to fulfill a contract within the few days notice which would intervene between the reception of the news here of the succeſsful bid and the expiration of the old contract — He informed the partie who proposed to bid that he would have a supply of acids on hand to be used in the interregnum and thus protect the Government. On this aſsurance I bid for the contract and it being the lowest it was awarded to me. And now when the old contract is about to expire, and sometime subsequent to the reception of the news of the

accepted proposal. HE for the first time speaks
of withholding the acids on hand and thereby expects
to viciate my contract – I now respectfully request –
in view of the foregoing facts that you will allow
me an extention of three months time in which to
commence the manufacture of acids, and authorize
the use of the acids on hand in the interregnum
And I can assure you that by so doing there will
be no delay in the operations of the mint.

I here-with submit the statements of prominant
individuals in corroboration of the facts set forth; and
it is presumed that you are familiar with their names
and standing, and possibly personally acquainted
with them – That you may see the importance
of allowing me to fulfill my contract, allow me to
say that there will be some Thirty thousand dollars
difference betwen the old and new contract in favor of
the Government, I have signed the Contract
and given the most unexceptional security.
yet the Superintendent still delays. As it a
matter of importance to the Government as well
as to myself to have your decision at an early
day. please give me that decision by Tellegraph
and Poney. and much oblige

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt
R. B. Cole

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San Francisco August 23th 1861

R. E. Cole

Dr Sir

In answer to your inquiry "whether or no the Superintendent of the Mint here, made any statement to me in reference to a Supply of Acids on hand," I have to state that about the 20 of June last he told me that he was instructed to send the Proposals for Supplying acids, on East for their action there. having signified my intention some time previous to bid for the Contract, I then told him, that I deemed it useless to put in a Bid, as no one could compete with the existing Contractors, There would not be sufficient time, between the expiration of the old Contract and the reception of the news of the decision of the Parties on East? He replied, that he had a supply of Acids on hand to meet and guard against that Contingency, and that there was more on the way from the East. Under that assurance I put in a Proposal, which was unsuccessful.

On the 10th or 11th of this month he informd
me that your Bid was accepted, and
in Conversation, again spoke of having
acids on hand, which he thought would
last the mint untill January

Very Respectfully
Yours truly
O. M. Wozencraft

P. S.
Hon. S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
D. Sir

Aug 25th 64

Having learned that this letter is
to be sent to you, allow me to say,
that I had the pleasure of an introdu-
ction to you, at Govr. Dennisons House
the winter before last, and would res-
pectfully refer you to the Honble M. S.
Latham, for any information in refera-
nce to my Statements.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Svt
O. M. Wozencraft

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San Francisco Aug. 22d 1861.

Dr. R. E. Cole.

Dear Sir.

In reply to your note, I have to say. That in conversation with Mr. Stevens relative to the supply of nitric acid to the Mint. I suggested to him for the sake of the institution and himself as its — Superintendant, the propriety of ordering from the present contractors a sufficient quantity of nitric acid for all the purposes of the Mint during the time intervening between the expiration of the old contract and the completion of the works of the new Contractor. His answer was "My dear sir, I am fully supplied having 400 Carboys in store and 300 more carboys on the way from the East, provided expressly, to meet this contingency"!

Very Respectfully yours &c.

Robt. P. Chase

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, October 1, 1861.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint at the close of business on the 30th. ulto. exhibited the following balances in the hands of the Treasurer, viz:

In Gold Coins	$37,548.50
In Silver Coins	62,867.07
In Cent Coins	1,202.96
In Ordinary Fund	5,915.02
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$107,632.70

corresponding with the balances as stated upon the account books in his Office.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect
Your obedient Servant
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, October 3, 1861

Sir,

Enclosed you will please find a statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint for the month of September last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obt. Svt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint,

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

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Director of the Mint

Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, for the month of September 1861.

Deposits

Gold		3.023.240.81
Silver	" including purchases	196.699.02
	Total Deposits	$3.219.939.83

Copper cents received in exchange for new cents.	$5.925.00

Coinage

Gold Denomination	no. of pieces	
Double Eagles	148.150	2.963.000
"	27.200	272.000
Half "	160.622	803.110
Qudr: "	295.308	738.270
Dollars	12.000	12.000.
Bars	2	1.144.26
	643.282	$4.789.524.26

Silver		
Half Dolls.	358.000	179.000.00
Qudr "	722.000	180.500.00
Dimes	100.000	10.000.00
Hlf. Dimes	110.000	5.500.00
	1.290.000	$375.000.00

Cents	600.000	6.000.00

Recapitulation

Gold Coinage	643.282	4.789.524.26
Silver "	1.290.000	375.000.00
Copper "	600.000	6.000.00
Total no. pieces	2.533.282	Total value $5.170.524.26

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Jas. Pollock Director

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, October 4. 1861.

Sir,

In compliance with the Act of March 4. 1853, S.97. I present herewith a statement of the Expenditures of the Mint, for the quarter ending 30th. September, 1861.

Statement of the Expenditures of the Mint for the Quarter ending Sept. 30. 1861.

Salaries of Officers & Clerks	$6.975 —
Wages of Workmen & Adjusters	34.363.94
Incidental Expenses	9.944.22
	$51,283.16

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

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Mint of the United States.

Philada. Oct. 15, 1860.

Sir,

I transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint, Charlotte N.C. of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 30th ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful servant,
James Ross Snowden.
Director of the Mint.

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Statement

of the Financial Condition of the Branch of the United States Mint at Charlotte, N. C., on the 30th day of September 1860

	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
To amount due Depositors,	5.187.	07
“ “ United States Deposits to purchase Metal for coinage,	32.000.	00
“ “ gained by deductions from Deposites in profit and loss,	55.	71
“ “ charge for Coinage,		
“ “ accumulations of Silver,		
“ “ due Treasurer United States	193.	86
	37.436	64

	OZS.	DEC'S.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
By Gold Coin in Treasurer's Vault,			4.889.	82
“ “ Bullion “ “	492	341	9.159	79
“ Silver Coin “ “			2.069.	75
“ ~~Bullion~~ Aſsay Coins			100.	00
“ Gold “ M. and Refiners “	50	013.	930.	49
“ Silver “ “ “	9.950.	320	11.578.	95
“ Gold “ Coiner's “	468.	047	8.707.	84
	10.960	721	37.436.	64

Respectfully submitted,

W. H. Strange Clerk.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT.

I certify that the above Amounts and Statement are accurate from an examination made by me this day.

G. W. Caldwell Superintendent.

TO THE DIRECTOR, PHILADELPHIA

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Oct 19. 1861.

Sir.

Our Ordinary Fund being entirely exhausted, I have to call your attention to my requisition of the 4th inst. and request that a draft for the amount embraced therein, be sent to the Treasurer of the Mint, at your earliest convenience.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington City.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, Oct. 22. 1861.

Sir,

I enclose herewith for your examination and approval, the Contract and Bond of Messrs Judson Co., for supplying the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal. with Acids, for the term of three years from the 15th day of September 1861, at the rate or price of eleven cents per pound for Nitric and three and one half cents per pound for Sulphuric Acid.

The prices to be paid under the above contract are one cent per pound more for Nitric and a half cent per pound for Sulphuric Acid, than Mr. Coles bid. The prices paid under the contract which expired on the 1st September, ult. was 12½ cents per pound for Nitric Acid and 4 cents per pound for Sulphuric.

It appears from the correspondence between Mr. Cole and the Superintendent, — copies of which are transmitted herewith.— That Mr. Cole could not commence supplying acids under some six months. In view of this fact, and of the reasonable terms upon which Judson & Co. are willing to furnish supplies, I recommend the acceptance of their proposition. The Department may however, if it is thought expedient, approve the contract for one year, in which case proposals could again be invited, say, six months hence, which would give the successful bidder sufficient time in which to erect acid works and obtain supplies of raw materials.—Nitrate Soda &c.

It is proper to add that the terms of the contract of Judson & Co. correspond with their bid under the recent letting, and that they are the owners of the only Acid Works on the Pacific Coast.

With great respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury,

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San Francisco Septr. 5th 1861

R. J. Stevens

Superintendent of U.S.B. Mint

Sir

Yours of yesterday, is just received, in answer to mine of 3 inst.

In it you deny every thing that is not expressed in the Contract.

allow me to say, that your "denial will not refute the posative testimony which I can produce, in Confirmation of the statements in my former letter.

And further, you not only promised to use the acids on hand, so as to allow me time to put up works, but you were told that three months time would be required to do it in, and you assented to it by furnishing the Contracts and bonds.

In answer to your enquirey as to "what steps (you) I have taken, and what facilities (you) I posess, tending to the Certainty of a sufficient supply of acids, Commencing at a given and early period"

Allow me to say, that I have made all the preliminary arrangements to put up works, and procure material.

My faciltaties for Completing the same at an early day, are as greate as any others can have, in as much as my associates are experianced buisness men And with ample means, as you are aware.

The "given" period was, as you are aware, three months from the 2d of last month but as you have interposed obstacles since that date, I shall require the above period from this date, or any future date, up to which you shall oppose me in fulfilling my Contract.

In answer to your requisition for acid, I again request that the acids on hand be used, And I will use all diligence to have a supply, on or before the time designated,

Respectfully

R. A. Cale

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This letter was written with the design of getting an admission that I had ~~stated~~ that there was on hand as a "reserve supply" of acid for the use of this Branch a sufficiency for any contingency & that I had so acknowledged & promised to use it, or previous to the signing of the contract — which was not so

Rob J Stevens
Superintendent
U S Br Mint. Cal

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submitted
Oct 25 1861.

The Director of the Mint at Philadelphia submits the Contract & Bond of Messrs. Judson & Co for supplying the Branch Mint at California with Acids, a copy of the correspondence of Mr. Stephens the Supt. at S. Francisco and Mr Cole as to the contract with the latter.

The prices to be paid under this contract with Messrs. J. are 1 cent per pound more for Nitric and 1/2 cent per pound for Sulphuric Acid by Mr. Cole [illegible] 1 1/2 cents per lb. for Nitric and 1 cent pr lb for Sulphuric Acid ~~by~~ than was paid under the contract which was paid under the contract which expired on the 1st September last.

It appears from the correspondence that Mr. Cole could not commence the delivery under 5 months. In view of this fact & of the reasonable terms offered by Messrs. Jordan the Director recommends the acceptance of the proposition of the latter.

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The only question presented is as to whether the contract shall be for one year or three years.

Judson & Co are the only persons now capable of supplying the Mint.

If the Contract and bond are approved, the matter is settled. If a contract for one year only be authorized a new contract & new Bond must be made & given. This may be refused and in the mean time the Mint is at the mercy of Judson & Co. –

On the other hand it may be more satisfactory to contract for one year by which another may become the contractor & the monopoly of J & Co broken up. Geo Harrington

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Extract from a letter from R. J. Stevens Esq Supt Br Mint, San Francisco, dated Sept 16th 1861, enclosing contract & bond of Messrs Judson & Co for supplying the Branch Mint with acids.

"Herewith you will please receive the enclosed contract with Judson & Co of the Chemical works in this city for a supply of acid for this Branch, for three years from 14th Sept, in accordance with their proposal forwarded to you among others in June last, - my letters of 12th & 13th inst have already explained why I have felt obliged to accept their proposal, and ~~forward~~ another contract for the approval of the Hon. Sec of the Treasury - I believe however that I have omitted to state, that the two hundred Carboys shipped by you via Cape Horn - could not probably be delivered at this Branch in less than 130 days from its departure from New York, in case of a favorable voyage, which according to the best calculations, I could make, based upon the most reliable information obtainable, would be some ten days or a fortnight after the exhaustion of the present supply - Should it however by good fortune arrive previously to the consumption of the reserve it would only last about three weeks according to the present rate of consumption which is much greater than it usually is at this period owing to the large receipts of Washoe Bullion. The summing up of it is then, that while Mr Cole required 5 or 6 months to erect works, procure Nitrate of Soda, Sulphur &c. in order to be ready to deliver acid to this Branch, the Branch had not on the 1st inst under the most favorable chances more than ten weeks supply on hand and to arrive"

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala., Sept 13th 1861.

Sir:

I regret that I am obliged to inform you that R. E. Cole has professed his inability to comply with the terms of his agreement to supply this Branch with acid, on the ground that at the time of signing the contract, he supposed that an understanding existed that the Govt. had on hand a sufficient "reserve supply", to use during the period which he would require to erect his works, a period he now defines as '5 or 6 months".- At the time of notifying Mr. Cole of the acceptance of his proposal by the Hon: Sec: of the Treasury - I deemed it a proper precaution which has always been taken heretofore, to ascertain fully and precisely what steps he had taken to insure the fulfilment of the contract - He replied by requesting me to draw on the reserve supply - I finally agreed to use the "reserve" if he would shew me satisfactorily that he would be enabled to commence supplying acid in sufficient and continuous quantities as soon as it was exhausted, he then "authorized"

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me to draw on the old contractors for an additional reserve supply which I had previously done at the time of receiving your letter enclosing the special contract with Judson &Co. for four hundred carboys - in accordance with instructions therein, I asked for 200 carboys additional, which they declined furnishing until after the 1st. Sept. for the reason as they stated that some other parties would receive a portion of the profits if delivered before that date - As the terms of your letter and the fact of the special contract for reserve indicating 400 carboys - seemed to imply, that the Government could not demand more under the contract, I did not at that time press it, but afterwards, and before the expiration of the contract, made a demand for an extra reserve supply. -as-. I saw that owing to the large deposits of Washoe Bullion the Branch would run short of acid before the shipment via the Horn could arrive - This demand was not complied with. I now began to fear that the Branch might be closed for want of acid - as I never had been able to ascertain that Mr. Cole was doing anything towards carrying out his contract, and all attempts to satisfy myself upon this point were treated by Dr. Wozencraft, the agent for R. E. Cole, (and I believe the real

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party in interest, as endeavors to throw obstacles in the way of the contract – Dr. W. always had informed Mr. Cole that the Branch had an ample "reserve supply" on hand and the right to draw more from the then Contractors – The contract was finally completed at 4 P.M. of the 31st. August – the delay being occasioned by difficulty in obtaining securities – On the 2d. I made a requisition for fourteen carboys of acid, still with the design of satisfying myself that the contractors were acting in good faith, but could get no other response than a reference to the reserve supply again – and vague statements – On the 5th, I called upon Mr. Cole with a witness and stated that I wished to know what was being done on his part towards filling the contract, stating that I wished to have "ocular demonstration" – I wished to see what orders he had sent for "nitrate of soda" – what preparations had been made for building the works &c &c. He then admitted that he had made only preliminary arrangements and said that Dr. Wozencraft had informed him that the Branch had sufficient supply to last until the works he proposed putting up could be completed – I then stated the amount of acid the Branch had and how

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long it would probably last, and also when that on the sea would probably arrive, and the great probability of the Branch being without acid unless he resorted to some extraordinary means to supply it. I suggested that he should order by Telegram 200 carboys from New York to be shipped by Steamer across the Isthmus. He promised to wait upon me the next day at 11 o'clock which he did - he then stated his desire to fulfil the contract if possible and that he should consult with his associates, who are also his secureties, in regard to getting acid out via the Isthmus - The Secureties themselves called on me shortly after and declared that the contract could not be kept - that they had been misinformed by Dr. Wozencraft &c - I then recd the Note No. 1 from Mr Cole to which I replied Note No - 2. and he rejoined in the rather ambiguous Note No. 3. which was the last of the matter - I have omitted any mention of the letters written by Dr. Wozencraft and signed by Mr Cole, except the last, of which I enclose the original - it is the only one received since the contract was signed, and is of the same character with several letters written before the contract was signed, in which he alleges - that I told him that the Branch had a sufficient supply for any contingency - that I had power to draw on the then contractors Judson & Co for a further supply to any extent, and that I desired to throw impediments in the way of his fulfilment of the contract; all of which allegations I have no doubt he partially believed owing to his extremely sanguine temperament and eagerness to get the Contract perfected in a shape to sell - and all of which I denied -

My hesitation about using the "reserve supply" was caused by a desire to ascertain if Mr. Cole was acting in good faith and taking the necessary steps, my fear all along has been that the Branch might find itself short of acid as I could learn of no steps taken, to send for Nitrate of Soda which from the nearest point where it is procurable requiring a voyage of 5 or 6 months - or to commence erection of works or to purchase lead, or anything in short which should

have been done - Meantime on the 5th, the old contractors
had called upon me and stated that proposals
were made to buy their works but that they should
not sell and that the government would be obliged
to fall back on their offer - which they agreed to hold
open until the 14th, and no longer, as they said it
would be necessary for them to order Sulphur and
other things immediately - if they took the contract.

During this time from 1st. inst. and up to toda
I have drawn upon the reserve supply to the extent
of 126 Carboys Nitric and 24 Carboys Sulphuric Acid,
and finding that the supply would be exhausted befor
I could get advices, and that perhaps the Governmen
would be placed at a still greater disadvantage if I
failed to act; I have agreed to accept the proposa
of Judson & Co, and execute a contract with them
subject to the ratification of the Hon: Sec: of the Trea
ury for three years, at 11 cents for Nitric and 3½ cen
for Sulphuric Acid.

Judson & Co, according to their own statemen
which I believe to be truthful have acted in a highly
honorable manner, as they have refused to enter into
combinations offered them to put up the price to 14 cents f
Nitric acid, and have implicit confidence in the

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Government acting with fairness and liberality towards them - I trust that my course in this matter will meet with your approval.

I enclose another copy of Unpaid Deposits at the end of August, the one sent in my letter of yesterday not being signed.

Very Respectfully
Your obt Servant
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

To
Gov. Jas Pollock
Director of U S Mint
Philadelphia

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(Copy)

Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala., Sept 4th 1861.

R. E. Cole Esqr

Sir: Yours of yesterday evening in answer to my first requisition for a supply of acid for the use of this Branch, is before me. In it you allege certain statements and agreements on my part which I must simply and respectfully deny, believing that they arise from a misunderstanding on your part. I deny every thing that is not expressed in the Contract — made in accordance with instructions from the Hon: Secretary of the Treasury in accepting your proposals to supply this Branch with acid. My note of Sept. 3d, enclosing order for fourteen Carboys of acid is the first and only communication that has passed between us since the Signing of the contract.

Your answer to this Requisition appears to be that you request it to be filled from the acids, which have been provided for this and other contingencies — If this means that you cannot comply with the terms of your contract without assistance from the Government and wish it to draw upon its "reserve supply" until such time as you are prepared to carry out the contract without assistance - I will upon your stating definitely and explicitly what steps you have taken, and what facilities you possess, tending to the certainty of a sufficient supply of acid, commencing at a given and early period - decide whether I will take the responsibility of using the "reserve supply". as you desire.

I now repeat the requisition for Fourteen carboys of Nitric Acid to be delivered immediately, and fourteen more to be delivered tomorrow.

Please answer immediately

Respectfully

Robt J. Stevens
Superintendent

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No 2. Sept 7th 1861

Sir:

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of Saturday referring to contract made between yourself and the U.S. Government for a supply of acids for this Branch— In which you state that you made that contract with the supposed understanding that you were to have ample time to erect suitable works in which to manufacture all the acid required, and profess your inability to comply with my requisition for acid of 3 & 4th inst.

In signing that contract on behalf of the Govt. I knew nothing but the agreements therein stated – I acted under instructions.

I would have taken the responsibility of using the "reserve supply" of acid which the Govt has on hand could I have received any certainty of your being able to continue a fresh supply of before said reserve was exhausted.

By this misunderstanding I am placed in a very embarassing position – If you can in any way comply with the terms of the contract it is my duty to urge you to do so – If on the contrary I am to understand your letter as a general abandonment of the contract on your part – I shall at once write to the Department & lay the case before them with all the mitigating circumstances you have stated

Very Respt
R J Stevens
Supt.

R E Cole Esq. San Fco

— Copy —

San Francisco
September 3. 1861.

Rector E. Cole Esqr.

Sir: I have just received from the Melter & Refiner a requisition for fourteen (14) Carboys of Nitric Acid for immediate use (if delivered tomorrow afternoon it will be in time) I have therefore to request that you will in accordance with the terms of the Contract between yourself and the U. S. Government, supply the same as above

Very Respectfully
Robt. J. Stevens
Supt. U. S. Br. Mint
Cala.

Mr Stevens
to
Mr Cole
3d 4th & 7th
Sept. 1861

No. 1.

Copy

San Francisco Sepr 6th 1861

R J Stevens.
Superintendent U S B Mint.

Dear Sir

When I made the contract with you a few days since, to supply the Mint under your charge with Acids, I did so, as I supposed with the distinct understanding between us, that a sufficient time would be given me for the erection of suitable works in which to Manufacture all the Acids you might require.

I was then greatly surprised in receiving from you within two days thereafter a requisition for fourteen Carboys Nitric Acid, and as you now distinctly state that you will require the Acid long before I can produce them, I am under the necessity of saying, that it will be impossible, for me to comply with your requisition.

Very Respectfully Yours
R. E. Cole

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Copy — No 3.

San Francisco Sept. 10th 1861

R. J. Stevens
Superintendent U S. B Mint

Dear Sir.

Yours of the 9th is received, in which you propose to refer the matter to the Department, in the event of my abandonment of the Contract. Having been credibly informed that you already done this at an early date, and having taken the same precaution myself, I shall be compelled to await their decision.

Respectfully
R. E. Cole.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia October 30. 1861.

Sir:

I have the honor to transmit herewith a report from the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal: of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution on the 30th ult.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Svt.
Jas Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala., Sept 30th 1861.

Sir:

In conformity with Treasury Circular of December 18. 1854. I have the honor to report that upon examination & count I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch on the 30th day of September 1861. the sum of One Hundred & Forty Nine Thousand Four hundred & thirty two $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars (inclusive of balance to the credit of this Branch at the Mint at Philadelphia amounting to Seventy One $\frac{91}{100}$ Dollars) which sum corresponds with the balance as exhibited by the books of the Treasurer, viz: One Hundred & Forty Nine Thousand Four hundred & Thirty Two $\frac{64}{100}$ Dollars

Very Respectfully
Yr Obt Svt

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

Hon Salmon P Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City
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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Oct 30, 1861

Sir,

On the 22nd inst. I had the honor to transmit for your consideration, the Contract of Messrs Judson & Co, for supplying the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, with acids, for three Years from the 15th September 1861. Not having received a reply from You on the subject, and one of the members of the above firm being here, with a view, in case of Your favorable action on the contract in question, to the purchase and shipment of the necessary raw materials required for the manufacture of acids. I have to request that You will inform me of Your decision in relation to the Contract, as soon as convenient. Under all the circumstances of the case, and being satisfied that the prices to be paid under the contract, are reasonable, I recommend its acceptance, for the term of three Years.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint,

Hon S. P. Chase.
Sec. of the Treasury,

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Nov. 4. 1861.

Sir.

Enclosed you will please find a statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Mint for the Month of October ult.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your faithful Servant,
Jas. Pollock,
Director of the Mint,

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City

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Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, during the month of Oct. 1861.

Deposits.

Gold		3.431.341.43
Silver	Deposits and purchases	165.668.42
	Total Deposits	$3.597.009.85
	Copper cents rec'd in exchange for cents of new issue	3745.00

Coinage

Gold		
Double Eagles	62.337	1.246.740
Half "	237.886	1.189.430
Quar "	244.592	611.480
Dollars	185.566	185.566
Bar	1	413.41
	730.382	$3.233.629.41
Silver		
Half Dolls.	301.000	150.500
Quar. "	254.000	63.500
Dimes	128.000	12.800
Half Dimes	170.000	8.500
Three cents	168.000	5.040
	1.021.000	$24[illegible].340
Cents	600.000	

Recapitulation

Gold	730.382	3.233
Silver	1.021.000	24
Cents	600.000	
	2.351.382	$3.47

Mint of the U. States
Philada. Nov. 4th 1861.

Jas. Pollock

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Nov 5. 1861.

Sir.

As required by the 12th. Section of the Act of 6th. of August 1846 and the regulations of the Department, I made at the close of business on the 31st. ulto. examination of the Books, accounts and money on hand in the Office of the Assistant Treasurer of the United States at Philadelphia, and found the following balances in Treasury Notes and Gold and Silver Coin, viz:

General Treasury Fund	$1.114.112.36
Redemption, Int. on Public Debt & Treasy. Notes	212.622.00
Post Office Monies	18.265.40
U. S. Loans	3.958.75
Coupons	42.405.00
Disbursers Fund	675.122.75
Total	$2.066.486.26

The foregoing sum of $2.066.486.26, embraces the following item, viz: "Sixty Day, two Year & 5 per Cent Treasury Notes cancelled and transmitted to the Treasury Department – $1.185.911.46" Leaving the balance in coin and demand Treasury Notes.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Nov. 5. 1861.

Sir.

The usual monthly ~~count and~~ examination made at the close of business on the 31st ult.: exhibited the following balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint:

In Gold Coins	$58,071.00
" Silver Coins	118,115.62
" Cent Coins	922.90
" Ordinary Fund	42,708.90
" San Francisco Br. Mint Fund.	99.15
	$219,917.57

Corresponding with the balance as stated upon his Books of Account.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence ~~that~~ the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Mint of the United States.
Philada. Nov. 4. 1861.

Sir,

I transmit to-day, to the Register of the Treasury, the Estimates of the Appropriations required for the support of the Mint, the Branch Mint, San Francisco, and the Assay Office New York, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1863, and in accordance with the usual custom, I herewith enclose for your information a copy of these Estimates together with the grounds upon which the same are founded. I refer you to the latter for explanation in relation to any of the items of appropriation embraced in the Estimates.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Estimates of Appropriations required for the Mint of the United States, the Branch Mint San Francisco & Assay Office N.Y. for the Fiscal year ending June 30. 1863

Head of Appropriation	Estimated appropriations required for the service of the Fiscal year ending June 30. 1863.		Estimated unexpended balances of appropriation on 30th June 1862, which may be applied to the service of the next Fiscal Year.		Appropriations for the Fiscal year ending June 30. 1862.	
Mint of the United States at Philadelphia	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents	Dollars	Cents
on For salaries: Director of the Mint per act of Jan 18. 1837: 5 Laws. page 137. Sec. 7.	3.500	00	–		3.500	00
Treasurer, Assayer, Melter & Refiner Chief Coiner & Engraver, at $2000, each per ~~same~~ Act.	10.000	00	–		10.000	00
Assistant Assayer & Assistant Melter & Refiner at $1500 each per same act.	3.000	00	–		3.000	00
Seven Clerks 3 at $1800 each and 4 at $1500 each per act of August 4. 1854: 10 Laws p 573 sec 3	11.400	00	–		11.400	00
on For Wages of Workmen and Adjusters	111.800	00	–		90.000 in addition to unexpended balance on 30 June 1861	00
" Incidental & Contingent Expenses. Repairs & Wastage	50.000	00	–		30.000 in addition to unexpended balance of former appropriation and other available means	00
			–			
" Specimens of Ores and Coins to be reserved in the Cabinet of the Mint	300	00	–		300	
on " Transportation of Bullion & Coin between the Mint & Assay Office N.Y. per act of March 3. 1853: 10 Laws page 212	20.000	00	–		45.474	83

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Branch Mint. San Francisco.

For Salaries: Superintendent and Treasurer at 4.500 each Act July 3.1852, 10 Laws p11 sec. 2	9.000	00				9.000	00
Assayer, Melter & Refiner and Coiner at $3000 each per same Act	9.000	00				9.000	00
Six Clerks: 1 at $2.500, and 5 at $2000 each per same act & Act. Aug. 4.1854. 10. Laws, pages 11. 201 and 558	12.500	00				12.500	00
For Wages of Workmen & Adjusters in addition to estimated unexpended balance on 30th June 1862. and other available means	105.000	00		20.000		103.928	00
						in addition to unexpended balance of former appropriation.	
Incidental & Contingent Expenses, in addition to estimated unexpended balance on 30. June 1862, and other available means.	45.040	00		15.000		60.000	00
						in addition to other available funds.	

Assay Office. New York

For Salaries: Superintendent, Act of March 3. 1855: 10 Laws page 164	3.500	00				3.500	00
Assayer & Melter & Refiner at $3000 each, per same Act	6.000	00				6.000	00
Assistant Assayer & Assistant Melter & Refiner at $2000 each per same Act	4.000	00				4.000	00
Six Clerks: viz: 1 at $2500: 1 at $2200. – 2 at $1800 each, 1 at $1600 & 1 at $1500 per same Act	11.400	00				11.400	00
Wages of Workmen	40.000	00				36.000	00
Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs, in addition to other available means	35.000	00				available funds being sufficient no appropriation was made under this head.	

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Specimens of Ores and Coins

An Annual appropriation of $300- has been made for several years past for the purchase of specimens of ores and coins for the Cabinet of the Mint. The same amount is asked for the year ending June 30. 1863 (Schedule B.)	300	00

Freight on Bullion & Coin

For this item there will be required, an appropriation of (Schedule B.)	20.000	00

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Grounds for the Estimates of the United States Assay Office, New York, for the Fiscal year ending June 30, 1863.

		Dollars
I. Salaries of Officers & Clerks: The amount appropriated under this head for the current year was $24,900. The same amount is required to be appropriated for the year ending June 30, 1863 [Schedule B.]		24,900.
II. Wages of Workmen: No surplus will exist under this head. The existing rate of wages is $3,800 per month. As some reduction of the present force is probable, it is deemed sufficient to ask an appropriation of [Schedule B]		40,000.
III Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs: These expenses, at an existing rate of business, are $20,000 per quarter, or per year	80,000.	
It is estimated, however, that the balance of former appropriations & the charges to be levied on deposits will give an excess of means at the close of the current year of about	45,000.	
Leaving to be appropriated (Schedule B.)		35,000.

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Oct. 15, 1861.

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Appropriations required for the United States Assay Office, New York, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30, 1863.

I. For Salaries of Officers & Clerks:		Dollars:
Superintendent	$ 3,500.	
Assayer	3,000.	
Melter & Refiner	3,000.	
Assistant Assayer	2,000.	
Assistant Melter & Refiner	2,000.	
Six clerks: 1 @ $2500; 1 @ $2,200; 2 @ $1800 each; 1 @ $1600 1 @ $1500; - - - - - - -	11,400.	
		24,900.
II. For Wages of Workmen: (per Schedule A.)		40,000.
III. For Incidental & Contingent Expenses & Repairs: (per Schedule A.)		35,000.
Total,		$ 99,900.

U. S. Assay Office,
New York, Oct. 15, 1861.

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Grounds of the Estimates of the Mint of the United States, at Philadelphia, for the Fiscal Year ending June 30. 1863.

	Dollars	Cents
1. Salaries of Officers & Clerks		
The amount appropriated under this head for the current Year was $27.900. The same amount is required to be appropriated for the Year ending June 30. 1863,	27.900	00
Wages of Workmen and Adjusters		
The available means for Wages of Workmen and Adjusters for the current fiscal Year will be nearly sufficient for that purpose. No surplus will therefore exist on the 30th June next. The existing rate of Wages is $12,000 per month. It will probably be found practicable to reduce the present force some. It is deemed sufficient to ask an appropriation of (Schedule B.)	111.800	00
Incidental and Contingent Expenses, Repairs and Wastage		
These Expenses are estimated at $55.000 The deductions from depositors applicable to such Expenses must be applied in reduction of this amount. They are Estimated at 5.000 Leaving to be appropriated the sum of	50,000	00

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov 7. 1861.

Sir,

In the "Grounds of Estimates" (item "Wages of Workmen & Adjusters," Schedule C) transmitted to You on the 5th inst. You will perceive that a reduction of 25 pr cent in the rate of Wages at the Branch Mint, San Francisco. is contemplated. In view of this fact and the data presented by Mr Smith, Special Agt. in his Report. a copy of which I received from You this morning. I propose, if the Department has not already made an order on the subject, to instruct Mr. Stevens, the Superintendent, to make on the 1st proximo, a general reduction of 25 pr.ct. on the rate of Wages paid at that Branch Mint, and to furnish me with a detailed statement of the persons engaged thereat, and the duties performed by each employe, with the rate of compensation after the above reduction has been made. When this statement is received, we will be better prepared to determine whether there ought to be a further reduction in the rate of wages, and also, whether some of the employés cannot be dispensed with, ~~without~~ without detriment to the proper discharge of business at that Branch Mint.

If convenient, I should be pleased to receive your reply by Saturday the 9th inst, on which day my letter to the Dept. must be closed in order to be forwarded by the Steamer which leaves New York, on the 11th inst.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obedient Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States
Philadelphia Oct. 29. 1861.

Sir:

In a communication lately received by me, from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cal. dated 7th. ult. there is reference ~~is made~~ to an examination, which was then being made at the instance of Mr. Smith, Special Agent of the Treasury Department in relation to the rate of wages paid at that institution, with a view to a reduction thereof. As I am now engaged in preparing the Estimates of Appropriations required for the Mint establishment, for the next fiscal year, (for the Register of the Treasury,) I would be glad to be informed of the result of Mr Smith's examination, and the action, if any, of the Department on the subject. It would also be well to furnish me with a copy of Mr. Smith's report, if the same has been received.

A reduction in the rate of "Wages" at the Branch Mint, appears to be required. Before acting on the subject, however, I wish to have the information above referred to, before me.

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Very Respectfully,
Your ~~Obedient~~ Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint,

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia November 11. 1861.

Sir.

Enclosed you will please find a Quarterly Statement of the expenditures of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cala. for the Quarter ending September 30. 1861.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
James Pollock, Director
pr. H. R. Linderman

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala., October 10th 1861.

Sir.

In conformity with the Act of March 4th 1853 Chapter 97. I have the honor to present a Quarterly Statement of Expenditures of the Branch Mint at San Francisco California for the Quarter ending September 30th 1861.

Third Quarter.

Months 1861.	Incidl. & Contgt Expenses		Wages of Workmen.		Salaries of Officers & Clerks		Totals.	
July.	1501	94	14.469	80	"	"	15.971	74
August.	23 694	94	14.595	48	"	"	38.290	42
September.	1.229	38	13.792	25	7.625	00	22.646	63
Totals	26.426	26	42.857	53	7.625	00	$ 76.908	79

Honble. Salmon P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury.
Washington.
D.C.

I have the honor to remain. Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt.

Robt J. Stevens
Superintendent.

Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov. 15. 1861.

[illegible]

100.000 transfer draft on N.Y.

Expenditures Pr. Mint

Sir:

Your letter of the 13th inst. enclosing a communication from the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis, containing a request for a supply of small gold and of silver coin, to the amount of $100,000, has been received. In reply I have to inform you that the Mint can furnish the coin in question, in exchange for a transfer draft on the Asst. Treasurer at New York. The Asst. Treasurer here informs me that his funds are too low to bear a draft for the amount — hence my request for a draft on New York.

In view of the probable continuance of the demand for small coin by the Treasurer of the United States, and Disbursing Officers, I would respectfully suggest that the Treasurer of the Mint, be furnished temporarily — by a draft on the Asst. Treasurer at New York — with from three to five hundred thousand dollars in gold, from which we

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may prepare a stock of small coin, to meet the demand in question. A few weeks time would be sufficient to convert that amount of bullion into such of the smaller denominations of coin, as the Department may think will be required – When made, the coin could be drawn out by the Department, in amounts and denominations to suit its convenience. It would be well at the time of issuing the drafts, to indicate in what denominations of coin, it is desired that the bullion purchased shall be manufactured.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obt. Servt.
James Pollock,
Director,
pr. H. R. Linderman

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

The letter of the Asst. Treasurer U. S. at St. Louis is herewith returned.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Nov 16. 1861.

Dear Sir.

On examining the press copy of the letter addressed to the Secretary of the Treasury, from this Office, yesterday, I find that the words "to purchase bullion", after the word "gold" in the last line of the first page, were inadvertently omitted in transcribing the letter, and the paragraph rendered somewhat unintelligible thereby. I will thank you to correct the same by interlining the words omitted. The paragraph will then read as follows:

"In view of the probable continuance of the demand for small coin by the Treasurer of the United States, and Disbursing Officers, I would respectfully suggest that the Treasurer of the Mint, be furnished temporarily — by a draft on the Asst. Treasurer ~~[illegible]~~ at New York — with from three to five hundred thousand dollars in gold, to purchase bullion, from which we may prepare a stock of small coin to meet the demand in Question" &c

The object in asking for a fund to purchase bullion with, is that we may prepare a stock of small coin to meet the public demand therefor. The Government "Bullion Fund" at the Mint is too small at present, to be worked up and kept on hand in coin, and all the principal private depositors request their bullion to be made into double Eagles — Now, if the Department, will furnish the Mint with say three to five hundred thousand dollars, as a temporary addition to the U. S. Bullion Fund, the amount can be used to pay deposits for double Eagles, and the bullion thus paid for, may be manufactured into small coin. This is the only mode by which a stock of small coin can be prepared to meet the wants of the Treasury. The department could begin to draw on the amount in say ten days from the time the draft is issued.

The enclosed slip from the Enquirer of today, contains an article prepared by me, in reply to the recent articles of the London Times on the credit of the U.S. Government. There is no especial merit in it, but ~~that~~ the data are, I think, reliable.

Trusting that You will pardon this intrusion on Your valuable time,

I am Resp'y yrs,
H. R. Linderman

Geo. Harrington Esq
Treasury Dept,
Washington City,

P.S. Mr Pollock, is spending a day or two at Milton, his former residence, attending to some private business.
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Mint of the United States
Philadelphia November 19. 1861.

Sir:

The 18th Section of the General Mint law - Act of January 18th 1837 - requires the rate of charges at the Mint on deposits of bullion for coinage, to be fixed from time to time, by the Director, with the approbation of the Secretary of the Treasury. As the present table of Mint charges, has been found, from the recurrance of some recent cases, to be still incomplete, I have made some modifications thereof, which are embodied in the following table:

Rate of Charges on deposits of Gold and Silver bullion at the Mint in Philadelphia, and at the Assay Office in New York.

I. For toughening or refining

1. On gold, not ductile, and not containing silver to the amount of one dollar clear of parting charges, one cent to three and a half cents per ounce of gross weight after melting according to the condition of the metal

2. On silver, whether a purchase or deposit - not ductile, and not less than 750 fine, one third cent to one cent per ounce, as above.

3. On coppery silver, ductile, below 750 fine, two rates of charges:

If below 600, three cents per ounce of standard metal

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contained.

If from 600 to 749, two and a half cents, as above.

If 750 or above, no charge.

4. On base silver,—alloyed with copper, lead or tin—not ductile, and below 750 fine, the same charges as under No. 3. with the addition of one half cent to three cents per ounce of gross weight, according to condition

5. For refining coppery silver of any fineness, in order to return fine stamped bars,—990 or over.—the following charges, according to the fineness of the metal offered:

980 and above,	½ cent per ounce gross.			
950 to 979.	1 cent	"	"	"
750 to 949,	2 cents	"	"	"
600 to 749	2½ cents	"	"	"
Under 600	3 cents	"	"	"

6. For refining coppery gold, already ductile, in order to return fine stamped bars, five cents per ounce gross.

If not ductile, or if very base, the additional charge of one to three and a half cents per ounce gross, according to condition

III. For Separating Gold from Silver.

1. When the mixture is free from copper:

Proportion of Gold

1 to 200 thousandths,		1½	cents	per	ounce	gross,	after	melting.
200 to 600	"	2	"	"	"	"	"	"
601 to 700	"	3	"	"	"	"	"	"
701 to 800	"	4	"	"	"	"	"	"
801 to 946	"	5	"	"	"	"	"	"

2. when the alloy is partly copper:

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If not over 50 thous. of copper, no additional charge.
From 50 to 150, one cent per ounce, additional.
Over 150, two cents per ounce, additional.
And if the metal be brittle, then a further charge of one to three and a half cents per ounce, according to condition.

III For Making Bars.

1. For melting gold, nearly fine, and returning the same in stamped bars, six cents per hundred dollars.
2. For making standard bars, of gold or silver, fifty cents per hundred dollars.
3. For melting silver after refining, in order to return fine stamped bars, the charge is contained in item No. 5 of Section I."

The foregoing charges on deposits of bullion at the Mint at Philadelphia and the Assay Office New York, are submitted for your approval, in compliance with the act above referred to.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,

(Copy.)

United States Assay Office
New York Sep 25th 1861.

Prof. James C. Booth.

ir,

I have made a final estimate of the cost of refining ashoe Silver, containing gold, in which I operated upon 26 eposits weighing 21684 oz, and containing 16513 oz Silver and 280 oz gold. The total cost of the operation was $440.14, which ivided by 21684 oz, gives $2.\frac{03}{100}$ cts per oz gross.

While engaged in the above experiment, the Secretary of e Treasury visited this Office, and in a personal interview with im, I was authorized to make a similar experiment with ewellers' Gold. In this experiment I operated upon 21 eposits, weighing 1879 oz and containing 576 oz gold, and 672 z Silver. The total cost of this operation was $72.94 giving $\frac{88}{100}$ cts per oz. gross.

To complete the above experiments I ound it necessary to make an estimate of the cost of efining California Gold. This estimate is based on the verage operations of this Office for the present year, hich is 34800 oz per week. The cost per oz was found to e $3.\frac{59}{100}$ cts.

The above estimates include (according to law) the ost of Materials and labor for refining the Gold. The ost of Assaying, Deposit melting, Repairs to Apparatus & Machinery, and Officers Salary, is not included.

I have preserved full details of all the above xperiments, and shall be happy to furnish them if requested to do so.

Very Respectfully
Your Obt. Servant
(Signed) Edward N. Kent
Melter & Refiner.

Geo. F. Dunning, Esq.,
Acting Superintendent

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United States Assay Office,
New York, Nov. 23, 1861.

Sir,

I have this morning received your letter of the 21st inst., enclosing "a report of the Director of the Mint of the 19th inst. proposing certain rates of charge on deposits of gold & silver bullion", & requesting my views as to the expediency of fixing such charges.

Having been in correspondence with the Director of the Mint on this subject, & having already given a careful consideration to the several details embraced in his report, I am able the more promptly to express to you the opinion that the charges proposed are just, and to bespeak for them your official approval.

In this connection I may state that a series of very careful experiments was made by Mr. Kent, the Melter & Refiner of this Office, in August & September last, for the purpose of determining the exact cost of refining auriferous silver from the Washoe Mines, and the ordinary gold from California. In accordance with a suggestion offered by yourself at a visit to this Office in the month of August, Mr. Kent embraced in his experiments deposits of Jewelers' gold, — the refining of which frequently gives rise to increased expense by reason of the base metals with which it is alloyed. The results of these experiments, embodied in a report to me of Sept. 25th, were submitted by me to the Director of the Mint, and have, with the larger experience of the Officers of that Institution, contributed to the more accurate adjustment of the Tariff of charges on deposits. I enclose for your perusal a copy of Mr. Kent's report.

I have the honor to be,
Very respectfully,
Your obt. servt.,
Geo. F. Dunning,
Acting Supt.

Hon. S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury.

P. S. The Director's report is herewith returned.

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Mint of the United States,

TREASURER'S OFFICE.

Philadelphia, 18 Nov 1861

Sir,

Pursuant to the joint resolution of Mar. 3d 1861, I have appointed John M. Walton of Pennsylvania, as Clerk in my office, in place of William H. Sturgeon, and ask your approval thereof. He has been performing all the duties of the office since Oct. 1st, when the place became vacant, and I request that the appointment may take effect from that date.—

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
J. H. Walton
Treas

Hon. S. P. Chase
Secy of the Treasury
Washington

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Office of Assistant Treasurer, U. S.

Philadelphia, 21 Nov 1861

Dear Sir,

When I saw you in this City some weeks since I explained the Circumstances under which I proposed to ask your Approval to the Appointment of my son, John M Walton, to a vacant Clerkship in the Mint. And you signified to me that you would interpose no Objection if there was no Obstacle in the Mint Law, to such an Appointment. I assured you that there was none, and for the Confirmation of this statement enclose a pamphlet embodying all the laws in reference to the Mint. My predecessor appointed his son to a Clerkship very shortly after entering on his duties, but I have up to this time, abstained from exercising my Patronage in behalf of my relatives, however much I might need it,

For the evidence of my sons qualifications I enclose a note from Mr Patterson, our oldest

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clerk in point of service, who has had him under his tuition and knows him well

I sincerely trust that you will Confirm the nomination. It is the only favour I have asked in my official Capacity. and I am assured my Official Conduct has met the Approval of the Department.

With great respect
I am Your Obt Servant
J. H. Walton

Hon S P Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington DC.

MINT OF UNITED STATES,
Treasurer's Office,

Philadelphia
Nov. 21st 1861

Sir,

I have your communication of the 19th inst. calling my attention to an error in my letter of the 18th referring to the authority by which the Secretary's approval was asked to my nomination of a clerk in my office. The reference designed was to the Act of Mar. 3, 1851 To save you the trouble of search I enclose a pamphlet copy of the Mint Laws. You will find the joint resolution on pp. 35 & 36

I have the honor to be
Very respectfully
J H Walton
Treas

Hon. S. P. Chase
Secy of the Treasury
Washington

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MINT OF UNITED STATES,
Treasurer's Office,

Philadelphia
Nov. 21st 1861
1860

Dear Sir,

I cheerfully express to you my convictions of the entire fitness of Mr. John M. Walton for the clerkship in your office to which you have nominated him. In another sphere I had opportunity of forming a favorable view of his business qualifications; but for nearly two months past he has been engaged immediately under my eye, and my good opinion of him has been entirely confirmed. He is an accomplished accountant and penman, affable in his manners, industrious, and ready at all times to advance the credit of the office. For the position to which he has been named he is abundantly qualified. I add that his habits and moral character are unreproachable. —

Very truly yours
Robert Patterson

James H. Walton, Esq.
Treas.

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala., Octo 31st 1861.

Sir:

In conformity with Treasury Circular of December 18th 1854. I have the honor to report that upon examination & count I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch on this 31st day of October 1861 the Sum of One Hundred & Thirty Six Thousand & thirteen 74/100 Dollars ($136.013.74), & that there is to the credit of this Branch the sum of Four Thousand Six hundred & Seventy Four 84/100 ($4.674.84) on deposit at the Mint at Philadelphia - making a total of One hundred & Forty Thousand Six hundred & Eighty Eight 58/100 Dolls ($140.688.58) the balance as exhibited by the books of the Treasurer is One hundred & forty Thousand Six hundred & Seventy eight 58/100 ($140.678.58)

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Servt

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

To
Hon Salmon P Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City
D. C.

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United States Branch Mint,
New Orleans, November 30th 1860.

Sir,

The usual monthly count and examination made at the Mint, at the close of business to day, exhibited the following balance in the hands of the Treasurer:

In Gold Coins	$ 22.047.43	
" Silver "	" 154.950.73	
" Cent "	" 213.41	
" Ord.y Fund	" 5.954.57	$ 183.166.14

corresponding with the balance as stated upon his books of account.

An examination into the condition of the Br. Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care and ability.—

Very respectfully
your Obt Serv.t
Wm A. Elmore
Superintendent

Hon. Howell Cobb,
Secy of the Treasy
Washington, D.C.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philadelphia, during the month of November 1861.

Deposits

Gold	"	2.589.039.62
Silver	" including purchases	189.293.60
	Total Deposits	$2.778.333.22
	Copper cents received in ex: for cents of new issue	5.295.00
		"

Coinage

Gold	No. of pieces	value
Double Eagles	115.406	2308.120.
Half "	39.874	199.370.
Quar "	158.838	397.095
Dollars	73.550	73.550.
Bars	2	2.410.70
	387.670	$2.980.545.70

Coinage

Silver		
Half Dolls:	207.000	103.500
Quar. "	132.000	33.000
Half. Dimes	254.000	12.700
Three cents pieces	95.000	2.850
	688.000	$152.050
Cents	800.000	8.000

Recapitulation

Gold	387.670		2.980.545.70
Silver	688.000		152.050.00
Cents	800.000		8.000.00
Total no. pieces	1.875.670	Total value	$3.140.595.70

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Nov. 30, 1861

Jas. Pollock
Director

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Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia Dec. 4 1861.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,

Sir,

I enclose herewith a Statement of the Deposits & Coinage at the Mint during the month of November, ulto.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Svt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

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Mint of the United States.
Philadelphia Dec. 2. 1861.

Sir.

As required by the 12th section of the Act of 6th of August 1846 and the regulations of the Department, I made at the close of business on the 30th ulto. examination of the Books, accounts and money on hand in the Office of the Assistant Treasurer U. S. at Philadelphia, and found the following balances in Treasury Notes and Gold and Silver coin, viz:

General Treasury Fund	$367,262.33
Reimbursement of Temporary loan and Redemption of Public Debt	74,153.25
Post Office Monies	12,682.72
U. S. Loans	3,788.03
Coupons	42,405.00
Disbursers Fund	456,668.27
	$956,959.60

The foregoing sum of $2.066.486.26. embraces the following item viz: "Sixty day Treasury Notes cancelled and transmitted to the Department $91.329.85" – the balance being coin and Demand Treasury Notes.

Very Respt. Your obt Svt.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon. S. P. Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City

Mint of the United States
Philad^a. Dec. 2. 1861.

Sir.

The usual monthly count and examination made at the close of business on the 30th ult^o. exhibited the following balance in the hands of the Treasurer of the Mint:

Gold Coins	$142,511.00
Silver Coins	73,235.91
Cent Coins	1,457.13
Ordinary Fund	25,671.99
San Francisco Br. Mint Fund	99.15
	$243,415.18

corresponding with the balances as stated upon his books of account.

An examination at the same time into the condition of the Mint generally, gave satisfactory evidence that the business of the institution is conducted with care and fidelity.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

From
James Pollock
Director of the Mint

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Mint of the United States.
Philada. Dec. 5. 1861.

Sir.

Your letter of the 3d. inst. has been received. In reference to the valuation of the Bremen *thaler* or *rixdollar*, both being of the same value. – I have to state that at the request of the present Comptroller of the Treasury, I caused to be prepared an elaborate Synopsis of foreign moneys of account and exchange, with a particular reference to the adjustment of diplomatic and Consular accounts, and to Custom House dues. This was based upon an extensive correspondence with our foreign ministers and Consuls, in the years 1859 to 1861. Their replies to certain queries, furnish such information as we could not so well obtain, as to the real state of currency in foreign Countries, and particularly as to the important fact, whether *Gold*, or *Silver*, formed the basis of valuation. – Herein is contained the easy source of error, which has led to the contradictory legislation in the act of March 3. 1843. In reference to Bremen currency; the matter is fairly stated in the letter of Consul-General Schumacher, accompanying your letter.

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In the synopsis above referred to, which was forwarded to the Comptroller on the 28th September 1861,— and which I hope will be printed for the use of the many parties interested.— the following statement was made in regard to Bremen.

"Bremen. Drafts are paid in the gold ten-thaler coins of Denmark, Hanover &c.— The thaler in Bremen is divided into 72 grotes.— The ten-thaler piece is coined at the rate of 7 $\frac{29}{48}$ pieces to the Cologne mark, and 21½ carats fine. From these complex standards we deduce the value of the thaler in gold, 79.105 cents."

There is in fact but one rix dollar or thaler in Bremen, just as there is but one dollar here: but then, four of our quarter-dollars would not be considered the same as one of our gold dollars, in any country but our own; and this will explain the difference of valuation, between a rix dollar upon the gold basis, and a rix dollar made up of small silver coins. To this I may here add, that the valuation of 78¾ cents was based upon coins somewhat reduced in weight by wear, and according to our own assay of fineness.

In my remarks upon this document, I took occasion to say, and would here urgently repeat, that "the acts of March 3d. 1843, and of May 22d. 1846, fixing the computation of foreign monies of account at the Custom Houses of the United States, being entirely in error in consequence of changes, ought without delay to be corrected by the ensuing statement".

In the meantime, it is manifest that if the act of Congress affords a choice, it should rest upon the valuation which pertains to commercial purposes, and not upon a mere local coinage of "Scheidemünze" or small silver pieces. And while Consul Schuab maintains, that the last enactment should govern, it may be replied, that there has been but one enactment, as the contradiction occurs in the same paragraph of the same law.

Very Respectfully,
Your obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Geo. Harrington Esq.
Asst. Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

The enclosures contained in your letter are herewith returned

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, Dec. 27, 1861.

Sir,

I have the honor to inform you that there will be in the Treasury of the Mint, and subject to your order, on monday the 30th inst. $60.000 in gold dollars, and $40.000 in other small gold coin. – amounting together to the sum of $100.000. – arising from the $200.000 recently advanced by the Department, to purchase bullion, from which to prepare a stock of small coins, for the Treasury of the U. States and Disbursing Officers.

I think it quite advisable that in drawing for the above coin, you should cause a transfer draft on New York, in favor of the Treasurer of the Mint, for a corresponding amount, to be issued.

Very Respectfully,

Jas. Pollock

Director of the Mint

Hon. S. P. Chase,

Secretary of the Treasury,

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Mint of the United States.

Philada. February 17, 1862.

Sir,

I transmit herewith, a report from the Superintendent, of the Branch Mint, at San Francisco, Cal.: of the usual monthly count and examination at that institution, on the 31st December last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon. S. P. Chase.
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Superintendents' Office, U.S. Branch Mint.
San Francisco, California, Jany 7th 1862.

Sir.

In conformity with Treasury Circular of December 18th 1854, I have the honor to report that upon examination and count, I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch on the 31st day of December 1861, the sum of One Hundred and Seventy Five Thousand, Eight Hundred & Seventy Eight 96/100 Dollars, (\$175.878.^{96},) and that there is to the credit of this Branch, on deposit at the Mint in Philada, the sum of Four Thousand, Six Hundred & Seventy Four 84/100 Dollars, (\$4.674.^{84},) making a total of "One Hundred and Eighty Thousand, Five Hundred and Fifty three 80/100 Dollars, (\$180.553.^{80};) The balances as exhibited by the Books of the Treasurer, show the sum of One Hundred & Eighty Thousand, Five Hundred & Forty three 20/100 Dollars, (\$180.543.^{20},) being a difference of \$10.60/100 Dollars, in Excess between the actual count & Treasurer's Books.

Very Respectfully,
Your Obedient Servant.
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

Hon Salmon P. Chase.
Secty of the Treasury.
Washington. D.C.

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Philadelphia, Jan 2. 1861.

Sir.

Enclosed you will please find a Statement of the Deposits and Coinage at the Mint for the month of December last.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your obt. Servant.
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

Statement of Deposits and Coinage at the Mint of the United States, Philada: during the month of Dec. 1861.

Deposits

Gold		812.915.34
Silver	including purchases	197.847.03
		$1.010.762.37
	Copper cents recd. in Ex: for new cents	$6.615.00
		"

Coinage

Gold		
Double Eagles	40.566	811.320
Quar: "	158.118	395.295
Dollars	242.428	242.428
Bars	3	3.238.91
	441.115	$1.452.281.91
Silver		
Hlf. Dollars	429.000	214.500
Quar	202.000	50.500
Dimes	174.000	17.400
Hf. Dimes	172.000	8.600
	977.000	$291.000
Cents	800.000	8.000

Recapitulation

Gold	441:115	1.452.281.91
Silver	977.000	291.000.00
Cents	800.000	8.000.00
Total No pieces	2.218.115	Total value $1.751.281.91

Mint of the United States
Philada: Dec. 31st 1861.

Jas. Pollock Director

Statement

Of the Financial Condition of the Branch of the United States Mint at Charlotte, N. C., on the 28th day of February 1861

	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
To amount due Depositors,	4.671.	79
" " United States Deposite to purchase Metal for coinage,	32.000	00
" " gained by deductions from Deposites in profit and loss,	10.	25
" " " " charge for Coinage,	39.	40
" " " " accumulations of Silver,		
" " due Treasurer United States	371.	88
	36493	32

	OZS.	DEC'S.	DOLLARS.	CENTS.
By Gold Coin in Treasurer's Vault,			9.002.	38
" " Bullion " "	39.	224	729.	69
" Silver Coin " "			2069.	75
" ~~" Bullion~~ Aſsay " Coins			24.	00
" Gold " M. and Refiners "	365.	270	6795.	71
" Silver " " "	10.135.	462	11.794.	39
" Gold " Coiner's "	326.	874	6081.	40
	10.866.	836	36.493	32

Respectfully submitted,

M. H. Strange Clerk.

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT.

I certify that the above Amounts and Statement are accurate from an examination made by me this day.

G. W. Caldwell Superintendent.

TO THE DIRECTOR, PHILADELPHIA.

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To your excelincy Abraham Lincoln

Dear sir after my best respects I will say to you that times is squally in Georgia our convention meets tomarrow and from what I can lern will certainly cecced from the union there being some 18 or 20 majority in favor of dis-union I will say to you that I am for the union and has a company now ready to defend the mint from the grasps of cecesioners the western part of the state is for the union and will do any thing to priserve and defend it I do not think that the near election of you to the presidency is any grounds for a desolution of this government I shell do all in my power as a common Farmer to presirve this union Govnor Brown Robert Tooms T & Howell Cobb with Jackson & others is advising Georgia to cecced they say it will be an everlasting disgrace to submit to your administration I think different as you have been Elected to that importent office according to the constitution of these united states we have a right to submit to hang a man before he has ever committed the first crime appears out of the question I and thousands of others in this State is of the same opinion the state may follow South Carolina & cecced but I shall never go with her

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May God preserve our union we have telegraph
that there has been a battle faught at Charleston
I hope it is not so if Georgia should not secede and
arangements should be made to preserve the union
I have one favor to ask as a friend that is the
appointment to superintend the united states mint
at Dahlonega in Georgia I am now 52 years of
age and has never asked for any public office
but the delicate situation of my health has
caused me to do so please write to me on the receipt
of this & direct your letter to Stockhill Fannin County
Georgia I will give you any reference as to my standin
& qualification when I hear from you & also my moral
Carector if required as I have a hope of hearing from
you Shortly I close for the present

Yours respectfully
Andrew H. Kee

To his exelency
Abraham Lincoln

Ga
Andrew H Kee
Supt. Mint at Dah-
lonega

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Branch Mint of the U States
Dahlonega Ga Jany 9th/61

Dear Sir

I have in Charleston S C in the Ast Tr Office something over $3000.00 belonging to this institution besides now in my hands a Treasury draft for $2300, making over five thousand Dollars and that there is now no call for checks on that fund, will I be allowed a reasonable compensation in my Dr Account of Ordinary or contingent expenses in getting that fund brot to this place I can get a responsible Hand to bring it for Twenty Dollars your early reply will be thankfully received

Very Respectfully Your
Obt Servt
Geo Kellogg
Supt

Hon. Secretary of the Tr
of the U States
Washington City
D.C

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U. S. Branch Mint
Dahlonega Ga. 4th Jany. 1860

Sir —

Enclosed you will please find statement of the amount of gold received at this Branch Mint from the Pike's Peak region, as requested in your communication of the 29th of December, received to-day.

Very respectfully
Your obt. Servt.
J. M. Patton
Superintendent

Hon. Howell Cobb
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City
D.C.

Sup Br Mint at Dahlonega

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Shellyvill Tenn March 6th 1861

Hon Abreham Lincoln

dear Sir

as the time has arived for a general change of officers and managers of the different offices &c of this government I would most respectfully ask to be apointed Superintendant of the Branch mint of the U S at Dahlonega Ga— provided the present incumbant is removed or declines to hold office under your administration I can give you as good referace as the county afords as to qualification &c your attention to the above will greatly oblige

your humble servent

A. O. H. P. Sehorn

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J. KENDALL, Gen'l Sup't,
4 WALL STREET, N. Y.

Z. BARNUM, Pres't,
BALTIMORE, MD.

Dated New Orleans Jan 2 1861.

Rec'd, Washington 1861, o'clock, min. M.

To P. F. Thomas

Secty Treas

Draft for our Expenses
for December. not received
- will you telegraph
treasurer to pay

Wm A Elmore
Supt

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U. S. Branch Mint,

New Orleans, Jany 11th 1861

Sir

I inclose herewith copy of a letter from J H Porter agent of D H North proposing to place Locks on the vault doors of this Institution.

That North's Locks are greatly superior to those, we now have in use, and consequently much *safer*, I have no doubt, I would therefore recommend, that the proposition be accepted, & that the Locks be ordered at once, so that Mr Porter while here could adjust them.

Very Respectfully

Wm A. Elmore
Supt

Hon
P. F. Thomas
Sec Treasury
Washington City

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Copy

New Orleans, January 10th 1861.

Wm. A Elmore Esq,
Supt. Branch Mint
New Orleans,

Sir,

I have come to this City as the agent of Frederic H North, proprietor of the Key Register Bank Lock, for the purpose of adjusting one of these Locks to the vault Door of the new Post Office, under an order for same, dated Novr. 21st 1860, from the Sect. of Treasury. I am also adjusting these Locks to the vault Doors of the leading Banks of this City.

At the suggestion of Mr. Riddell (the Post Master) I have called upon you to ascertain whether similar Locks were required for the use of your Institution. I have at your request examined the different vaults therein and would suggest that the Locks of Mr. North's Manuf'g, are far superior to any of those in use on said vaults, And I hereby propose to put on six (6) Locks, say two (2) on the doors of the vaults of the Treasury of the Mint,

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Three (3) on the doors of the vaults of the Melter & Refiner, and One (1) on the door of the Coiners vault.

These Locks to be of the same size and price as the one adjusted to the vault door of the Post Office, Viz: No. 6. Locks at $175 each, put on ready for use.

This style of Lock has 6,500,000 Combinations and is furnished by us to Banks at $225. each.

If you should conclude to to adopt these Locks, it would be a great convenience and saving of expense to us to have them ordered forthwith, that they may be adjusted to your vault doors while I am here

Very Respectfully
J. H. Porter

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Branch Mint of the United States
Office of the Treasurer
New Orleans January 31st 1861

Sir,

A Special Committee of the Convention of the State of Louisiana now sitting in this City, acting under instructions of that body did, at 9½ O'clock this morning, take possession of the New Orleans Branch Mint in the name of the State of Louisiana. As soon as I will procure from that Committee a receipt for all the funds held by me as Treasurer of the Branch Mint and Assistant Treasurer of the U.S. I will transmit the same to the Department

Very respectfully
Your obt Servant
A J Guirot
Treasurer N. O Branch Mint
& Assistant Treasurer U.S.

Hon John A Dix
Secretary of the Treasury

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J. KENDALL, Gen'l Supt.,
4 WALL STREET, N. Y.

Z. BARNUM, Pres't,
BALTIMORE, MD.

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12 Dated N Orleans Feby 6 1861.

Rec'd, Washington, 6 1861, o'clock, min. M.

To Hon John A. Dix
Secty Treasy

Your telegram of the second instant has been received today. The state of Louisiana took possession of the Branch Mint on the thirty first ultimo at half past nine oclock a.m. The agent of Adams Express came to the mint the same day at two oclock P.M. and asked me whether the report of the taking of the mint was correct. I answered in the

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affirmative he then said if so there was no use to present the transfer draft of three hundred & fifty thousand dollars for payment: I told him to apply to the convention whether he did so or not I cannot say I transmitted the same day my resignation to the President under your cover & I have since taken the oath of allegiance to the state of Louisiana

Respy

A. J. Guirot

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Letter from Supt.
Br. Mint San Francisco
covering Proposals
for supplying Acids
June 26. 1861.

proposals inclosed [illegible]
no ~~4ths~~ 8 Cents

Please return to the
Director of the Mint
Phil^a.

Respy. submitted for the
decision of the Sec. of the
Treasury. July 15. 1861

S. 277. July 15/61.

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Mint of the United States,

Philadelphia, July 13. 1861.

Sir,

Pursuant to my instructions the Superintendent of the Branch Mint at San Francisco, recently invited proposals for supplying that institution with acids. Enclosed you will please find the proposals received in response to the Superintendents invitation. It will be seen that the proposition of R. E. Cole to supply acids to the Br. Mint, for the period of three years, from the 1st September next, at 10 cents per pound for Nitric acid and 3 cents per pound for Sulphuric, is the lowest offer received. I recommend the acceptance of Mr Cole's offer, on the condition that satisfactory security in the sum of $25,000 be given for the faithful performance of the contract.

The price paid for acids at the Br. Mint under the present contract, is as follows: For Nitric acid, 12½ cts per pound; for Sulphuric, 4 cents per pound.

Very Respectfully Your Ob. Servt.

Jas. Pollock
Director.

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City.

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,

San Francisco, Cala., June 26th 1861.

Sir;

In accordance with your instructions, I have the honor to transmit herewith, proposals for supplying acid for this Branch as therein stated.

The parties proposing are I believe, all responsible.

Judson & Co are the only ones who have the facilities apparent for commencing immediately. They are the owners of the Chemical Works, and have, heretofore, and are now supplying this Branch. I know of no other establishment of this nature existing, or in proceſs of construction in this city. They inform me that they have 70 tons of Nitrate of Soda on hand & nearly 100 tons on the way. Meſsrs Birdseye & Low who appear in writing as the securities of Meſs Judson & Co are Bankers well & favorably known in this State & whom I believe to be wealthy.

H. P. Wakelee is a Druggist in this city, — a man of reputation, — thoroughly reliable, — and is backed by Wm R. Garrison who is reputed to be wealthy.

Dana Brothers & Co, I know to be althy and reliable.

Regarding the particular liability of the other parties,

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I would state that they are of good standing and Mr Cole is represented as being wealthy.

The original Proposals remain on file in my Office, & I, herewith, forward you, correct, copies of the same.

Meſsrs Judson & Co have delivered of the reserve supply, (according to special contract,) the 100 Carboys of Sulphuric Acid, and are now, delivering the Nitric Acid. The latter delivery would have been completed ere this but for a difference in regard to strength as shown by their hydrometer & ours. This has now been adjusted, & the entire delivery will probably be completed to day.

I am Sir
Very Respectfully
Your Obdt Servant.

Robt J Stevens
Superintendent.

To James Pollock Esqr.
Director of the Mint,
Philadelphia.
Pa.

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C. B. Sedgwick
M C

S. P. Chase Esq
Treasy. Department

Introducing
H. P. Coxen —

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Ho. of Reps
July 13th

Hon S. P. Chase
Sir

H. P. Coon of San Francisco represents the estate of M. Farmer Decd. who had a contract with the Treasy. Dept. He was formerly a neighbor of mine and is entitled to credit in his representations. You will oblige me by forwarding his business with the Department

Very truly
Yours

C. B. Sedgwick

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Superintendent's Office,
Branch Mint of the United States,
San Francisco, Cala., Sept 3d 1861.

Sir:

In conformity with Treasury circular of December 18th 1854 I have the honor to report that upon examination & count, I find in the hands of the Treasurer of this Branch on the 31st day of August 1861 the Sum of One hundred & ninety four thousand three hundred & twenty one $\frac{68}{100}$ Dollars ($194.321 $\frac{68}{100}$), and that the Books of the Treasurer of this Branch shew a balance in the hand of the Treasurer, of One hundred & ninety four thousand three hundred & twenty one $\frac{46}{100}$ Dollars, the excess of cash on hand being 22 cents

Very Respectfully
Your Obt Svt
Robt J Stevens
Superintendent

To
Hon.ble Salmon P Chase
Secretary of the Treasury
Washington City
D. C.

Mint of the United States,
Philadelphia, October 5. 1861.

Sir,

Enclosed you will please find the contract of R. E. Cole, for supplying the Branch Mint at San Francisco, Cal: with Acids, for three Years from the 1st. September 1861: also, a Bond of Mr. Cole and sureties, in the sum of Twenty Five Thousand Dollars; for the faithful performance of the Contract. All of which is respectfully submitted for Your approval.

I have the honor to be,
With great respect,
Your Obedient Servant,
Jas. Pollock
Director of the Mint,

Hon S. P. Chase,
Secretary of the Treasury,
Washington City,

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This Agreement made on this Twenty Seventh day of August A.D., one thousand eight hundred and sixty one.

Between

Hector E. Cole of the city of San Francisco State of California, party of the first part, and Robert J. Stevens Superintendent of the Branch Mint of the United States situated at the city of San Francisco state aforesaid party of the second part

Witnesseth

That the said Hector E. Cole party of the first part, for the consideration hereinafter named, agrees to manufacture for, and supply the U.S. Branch Mint at San Francisco, for the term of Three years from the First day of September A.D. 1861, all acid which the said Branch Mint may require on the following terms to wit. Nitric or parting acid of 38° strength (Baume) at ten cents per pound, and Sulphuric acid of 60° strength at three cents per pound. The said acids are to be delivered in glass carboys, daily, or when required, by the party of the second part, at the said Branch Mint in San Francisco.

The said party of the second part, on behalf of the United States in consideration of the above hereby agrees, that the said Branch Mint shall take and use from the party of the first part all the acids required for refining purposes, to carry on the operations of the said Branch Mint for the aforesaid term of three years.

The said party of the second part further agrees, on behalf of the United States, to pay or cause to be paid to the said party of the first part the aforementioned sum of ten cents per pound for all Nitric, or parting acid of 38° strength, as aforesaid, and for all Sulphuric acid of 60° strength, the sum of three cents per pound.

The said party of the second part further agrees, on behalf of the United States, to return to the party of the first part, at the doors of the said Branch Mint, the empty glass carboys, and to allow for the use and re-package of the same, the sum of fifty cents for each carboy.

The said party of the first part further stipulates and agrees, with the said party of the second part, that simultaneously with the signing of this contract, he will give a bond in the sum of Twenty Five thousand dollars, as security for the faithful performance of the stipulations aforesaid on his part, barring the destruction of his Factory by fire or other unforseen or unavoidable casualty, or the loss of any shipment of his raw material, in which latter case the party of the first part is excused from furnishing acid equal to the amount that could be produced from the raw material cost.

In the event of any such casualty the said party of the first part, agrees to give notice to the Superintendent, of the said Branch Mint, of his ability or inability to carry out the aforesaid requirements, and continue the necessary supply of acids, within as brief a period, as the said supply can be obtained from any other source.

The Secretary of the Treasury to provide such means as he may deem expedient, in the event of a failure to insure to the said Branch Mint, a reliable and sufficient supply of acids for the future.

And provided further, that this contract shall be subject to the ratification of the Secretary of the Treasury of the United States.

In Witness Whereof, the said parties hereto have hereunto set their hands and seals the day and year first above written.

In presence of
W. H. Tompkins,
Thomas L. Kimball

Rector E. Cole

Robt J. Stevens
Superintendent
U S Br Mint. Cal^{a}

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United States of America
Northern District of California

Know all men by these Presents, That we Rector E. Cole as principal and Charles Hosmer & Dr. H. M. Gray as Sureties, all residents of said District are held and firmly bound unto the United States of America in the sum of Twenty Five thousand Dollars ($25.000.00) lawful money of the United States of America, to which payment well and truly to be made, we bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs executors and administrators, jointly and severally, firmly by these presents - Sealed with our respective seal, this thirty first day of August, in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and sixty one

The condition of this obligation is such, that if the above bounden Rector E. Cole, should from time to time, and at all times hereafter, well and truly keep, observe fulfill and perform all and every of the conditions, articles or agreements which are contained and specified in the foregoing contract to be kept, observed, fulfilled and performed by said Rector E. Cole, as by said contract will more fully appear, then this obligation shall be void, but if said Rector E. Cole shall not keep, observe, fulfill and perform all and every of the conditions

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articles or agreements of said contract to be kept, observed fulfilled and performed by him We bind ourselves, our and each of our heirs, executors and administrators jointly and severally, to pay to the United States of America said sum of Twenty Five thousand Dollars ($25,000.00) as liquidated, stipulated or stated damages and not as a penalty.

Signed Sealed and Delivered
in the presence of
Cutler McAllister
US Commr

R. C. Cole
Chas. Hosmer
H. M. Gray

State of California
City & County of San Francisco

Charles Hosmer

being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a freeholder in the said state of California, and that he is worth the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars mentioned in the aforesaid bond as the penalty thereof, over & above all his just debts & liabilities exclusive of property exempt from execution

Chas. Hosmer

Subscribed & Sworn to before me
this 31st day of August. AD 1861
Cutler McAllister
US Commr

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State of California
City & County of San Francisco.

Dr. H. M. Gray

being duly sworn deposes and says that he is a freeholder in the said State of California, and that he is worth the sum of Twenty five thousand dollars mentioned in the aforesaid bond as the penalty thereof, over and above all his just debts and liabilities, exclusive of property exempt from execution

Subscribed and sworn to
before me this 31st day of
August AD 1861
Cutler McAllister
U.S. Commr

H. M. Gray

ity and County of San Francisco

I know the Sureties on the foregoing bond & they are, in my opinion, sufficient to pay the penalty therein expressed

August 31st 1861

Wm H. Sharp
U.S. Atty.

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No 1.

Washington Septr 18th 1861.

Dear Jake.

I arrived here this morning, and recd your welcome letter of August 24th by Pony Express, which doubtless has been here for several days. you will be surprised to learn of the lateness of my arrival at Washington, but I was subjected to so many annoyances in Missouri, caused by the burning of bridges & the tearing up of the Rail Road tracks that I wonder I ever arrived here at all, after I thought I had finished my stage coach travelling by getting to St. Jo. I was obliged, in order to get homeward, to ride in a wagon, a distance of seven hundred miles, when I struck the Rail Road to Keokuk, Illinois, from whence I came on to N. Y. Joe Arrington and Mesdames Butler were in New York when I arrived, Old Mrs B— has gone on to Lowell, Mass— & the Colonels' wife in company with him, has gone to Boston. I saw Butler for only one moment, he will be here in a day or two, when, as circumstances transpire and develop themselves I will will be governed in my action regarding

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the reinstatement of Mr Barry. In relation to the matter of the Estate of our deceased friend, I would here remark that I anticipate having a personal difficulty with some one of the interested parties, as I am well satisfied that a number of falsehoods have been circulated against me, with a view of forcing me into a collision with some of their fighting men, Be this as it may, Jake, I depend upon you & Press, to sustain my reputation, in case anything should happen to me, I am led into this train of thought from an interview I had this day with Mose Flannagan, who met me very cooly indeed, and asked me if I had reported that he had made the signature to the "Broderick Will", I replied that I had not, He (Mose) then said, that George Butler, told him, that in N.Y. a gentleman of veracity had told him, (George) that I had informed him (the Gentleman) that he (Mose) had made the signature, but George did not tell Mose who the person was that I gave the information to, under the circumstances of the

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case, I thought it best to tell Mose the truth about the matter, and I accordingly informed him, that Col Dustin had told me that he, (Mose) had forged the signature of D C Broderick to the will, nothing else of importance transpired between us, but I am well satisfied that there is a deep laid plot to force me into a difficulty, whereby my life may be sacrificed, Be this as it may, Jake - I have left in your possession the truth regarding the will, and I know you will not see me wronged, without defending my character for truth and veracity, enough of this, As yet, I have made no progress in my business (I only arrived here this morning) Regarding Charley Wilson you may depend upon my giving the matter my closest attention, my mother I found in good health but very much cast down because of my brother Henrys death, it was a very sad occurrence for our family, do not write me again Jake, as I shall probably not receive your letter, To morrow, I take hold of Mint Matters, you see nothing here

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but soldiers, and a great battle is hourly anticipated. It is late, Jake, and I must bid you good Bye. To "Old Boss" & "Young Boss" and all your family, my warmest love, and most sincere wishes for your health & prosperity,

I am now as ever your friend
Wm Willis

P.S. Dont forget Joe & Dan.

Of Course I will write you from time to time & you shall know when I leave for California. Caub Maloney is dead - (brain fever) Mose told me he, (Mose) had made 10000 dolls. he and Sam Bell fell out about business matters, Mose, Sam, Butler, Welch, Garrison, & all are making plenty, I hope I may never make money out of soldiers. fighting as they think. for liberty & their country. Good night Jake, God (or as you would say, old master) bless you,

W. W.

Envelope endorsed,
Jacob Cohen Esq. San Francisco Cal.
Washington Sept 18. D.C.

said that it was their intention to murder me, I provided myself anyhow, as far as possible in addition thereto wrote a a letter detailing the circumstances which I directed to you and carried about in my pocket, Butler also said that he had understood that you were against him & felt hard towards him, I told him that you had felt hurt because he had not used his influence to keep Mr Barry in the Mint, He replied, "Does Jake Cohen think I am such a d—d fool as to work for his interests at the very time he is trying to ruin me." I replied what do you mean?, He then said that at the very time you thought he ought to have used his influence with Stevens, you had Joseph trying to buy out the heirs &c &c, of course, Jake, there are many things which I will tell you in addition when we meet, which will be soon as I intend leaving on the 11th November, I have succeeded in getting Megaud removed and Dr Munso appointed & you may rest assured that Mr Barry shall have a place, if not

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No 2.

Philadelphia Octr 27th 1861

Dear Jake,

Sometime has elapsed since I last wrote to you, and the reason has been because I have had nothing of interest to communicate. In the mill business I have had a great deal of annoyance & it has occurred in this way. In one of my letters to you, I mentioned the fact, that I had told Mr Flanagan that Col Butler had told me about his (Flanagans) signing the name &c. well when F. saw B. he pitched into him in consequence, & the result was that B. pitched into me soon after. Butler was very abusive indeed, denied that he had ever told me so, said he told me that some one else had signed it, that I had violated his confidence without any cause, that I must look out for myself &c &c. for a time I felt very much alarmed, as most of the parties concerned in the forgery were in Washington & being entirely alone & knowing their desperate character. I thought from what Butler before, certainly, when I arrive with you, since my interview with Porter I have not seen him, nor heard from him, Mose desired me to write a letter to him, stating that I did not believe he had written the name to the will, but I did not nor will I do so, It may be my fate to again visit the East, but if I ever again leave San Francisco without you, I wish I may be d- d. Munson I shall try and get off on the first of November, altogether, I have had a hard and disagreeable time, but I am almost through, besides I have done all the work myself and the abolition force that Weigand had to help him was immense, But I have a thousand things to tell you when we meet, and I should like to see you the first one, you shall know all my movements, much love to Hyman, little puss, Mary, Clara, & all & believe me your affectionate friend.

Wm Mills

Please tell Mr Schenck I am well, but have been to busy to write to

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him or Mr Schenck, also remember me to Dan Dikeman,

(Envelope Endorsed)

Jacob G. Cohen Esqr
San Francisco
Cal.

Philadelphia
Oct 27
1861
P.A.

In the District Court of the 4th Judicial District
Of the State of California
In & for the City & County of San Francisco.

State of California
vs
John A. McGlynn
et al

I hereby certify that the foregoing are full, true and correct copies of two original Exhibits on file in my office in the above entitled cause.

Attest my hand and the seal of said District Court this 31st day of Jany. AD 70

Washington Bartlett
Clerk
p. Morris J Marshall
D.C.

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To the Hon. Sec'y of Treasury
Washington. D.C.

The undersigned owners of the "San Francisco Chemical Works" and who have been the contractors for supplying the U.S. Branch Mint at San Francisco since April 1st 1855 respectfully represent;—

That in the month of July last, they submitted to the Superintendant of the U.S. Branch Mint in San Francisco a proposal to supply said Mint with Acids for one year at 12½^{c} per lb. for Nitric and 4^{c} per lb for Sulphuric Acid — and for 3 years at 11^{c} per lb. for Nitric and 3½^{c} per lb. for Sulphuric Acid.

That on the 13th day of September last, they executed a contract, with the Supt here to supply the Mint with Acids for 3 years at 11^{c} per lb for Nitric and 3½^{c} per lb. for Sulphuric Acid, — that said Contract was forwarded to the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia and by him approved. —

That on receipt of intelligence of such approval, forwarded to us by Overland Telegraph by our Agent in the East, — being then under urgent necessity of ordering an immediate supply of raw material, to enable us to fulfill our obligations to Government under said Contract, — and acting in good faith, we ordered large shipments of stock & fixtures, to enable us to fulfill our Contract; — Such a course was imperative with us at that time, in view of the obligations imposed upon us by the contract, and in view of the following facts, viz:

All of our raw material has to be imported from abroad by sea, some from New York and a portion from Peru in So. America, between the Ports of which latter State and San Francisco there is no ordinary and regular traffic by sailing craft, and therefore we are obliged to charter Vessels at this Port, giving them full cargoes on the return voyage. The returns from such charters are usually not made in less than 7 or 8 Months.

The raw material used by us cannot be purchased in the open Market here, and we have to depend solely upon our own importations.

The manufactured Acid cannot be purchased in the open market here, as our Factory is the only one in operation or ever attempted to be put in operation on this Coast, and the importation of Acids from abroad has practically ceased for some years. ———

That we are now informed that when the aforementioned Contract, came before your Department for final action, it was ordered to be ratified and confirmed for one year; — And the Director of the Mint at Philadelphia ordered the Supt here to enter into Contract

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with us for one year at 11^{d} per lb for Nitric, and 3½^{d} per lb. for Sulphuric Acid, entirely overlooking or leaving out of consideration the fact that, in our bid, we had distinctly named the increased prices of 12½^{d} & 4^{d} per lb. respectively for Nitric and Sulphuric Acids, in view of the increased cost of our stock and fixtures when purchased in smaller quantities and at short notice.

We further represent, that if our Contract should terminate on the 14th day of September 1862, as is contemplated by the order of the Director at Philadelphia, we should be left with large stocks on our hands and sh^{d} thereby be liable to heavy loss.

We have supplied the Mint here since the 14th day of September last at 11^{d} & 3½^{d} per lb for Nitric and Sulphuric Acids, in accordance with the terms of our Contract for 3 years, and we are still continuing to supply the Government at these prices, without however accepting the terms proposed by Government, and we are desirous while protecting ourselves from ruinous loss or risk, to prevent embarassment to the Mint here and to Government.

In view of the above and to avoid the loss which will be inflicted upon us by the execution of the aforementioned order of the

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Director at Philadelphia, we now propose to furnish Acids for the supply of the Mint here form three years from the 14th day of September 1861, as follows, viz:

For the first year at 11^{d} & 3½ per lb.

For the Second year at 10½^{d} & 3½^{d} " "

For the Third year at 10^{d} & 3½^{d} " "

respectively for Nitric and Sulphuric Acids, the acids to be in all cases of the same strength as that hitherto furnished by us.

We also propose to hold as a reserve, against accident by fire or otherwise, the usual amount held here by Government as a reserve, say 300. Carboys Nitric Acid, securely stored and protected at our expense.

We propose these concessions in price in view, not alone, of the large stocks of raw material we have already ordered but also of the great importance to us, of having a settled and uniform business, that our stocks may be more advantageously purchased.

We also desire to represent that we have positive personal knowledge that the Bid for supplying the Mint with Acids made by one R. E. Cole was purely speculative in its character and that said Cole publicly stated that it was for the benefit of one P.M. Wozencroft.

That the persons who signed the Bond

for the fulfillment of said Contract, immediately after such signing took an assignment of said contract from said Cole, for the benefit of them selves and said Wozencraft, and they have since informed us, that they did so at the request and by the persuasion of said Wozencraft and they allege that he the S. Wozencraft did wilfully falsify and misrepresent the facts in connection with said Contract and the business of supplying the Mint with Acids, and that their object in in signing the Bond and taking an assignment of the contract was solely speculative and with design to sell the same for profit, and that they had not at any time made any preparations for the manufacture of Acid by the purchase or ordering of stock or fixtures or otherwise, and they the said Bondsmen and Aſsignees have repeatedly acknowledged to us that it was and would be impossible for them to comply with the terms of the Contract or, whatever the facilities afforded them by Government, in any manner to obtain the supply needed by Government.

We desire further to represent that the above mentioned Wozencraft should be considered as the real Bidder instead of R. E. Cole – all the parties connected therewith having constantly spoken of said Bid and

and Contract as Wozencrafts Bid and Contract and in reference thereto we desire to represent:—

That said Wozencraft has no theoretical or practical knowledge of the business of manufacturing Acids and that he has no Capital to engage in said business — it being one which requires a large capital to carry it on.

That said Wozencraft repeatedly applied to us to obtain a bonus for his Bid and that he offered to have the same withdrawn upon payment to him of $500.00 and that he offered to cause the avoidance of the Bid and Contract (i.e. of R. E. Cole) and combine with us to obtain from Government the sum of 14c per lb. for Nitric Acid all of which offers we refused as being of a dishonest tendency and character and with a design to defraud.

That said Wozencraft does now and has for years made a living and subsistence out of Government by indirect or unlawful means and that he is virtually if not technically a large defaulter to Government in that — that while U.S. Indian Agent on this Coast in 1852 or About that time he made large purchases of Cattle for the (pretended) use of Indians, the bills and claims for which are yet outstanding, and that Government

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alleges that said cattle were not used for the benefit of Indians but were disposed of, to white men for the benefits of said Wozencraft and his associates.

That said Wozencraft has constantly for years and does now avow strong and bitter Secession sentiments.

San Francisco. Decr 31st 1861

Egbert Judson
J. L. N. Shepherd

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San Francisco Decr 31st 1861

Hon A. A. Sargent
Washington D.C.

Dear Sir — I take the liberty of enclosing herewith a Copy of a proposal this day submitted by "Judson & Co." of the "San Francisco Chemical Works" to Superintendent of Branch Mint here for supplying said Mint with Acids and also to state some particulars connected therewith in order that, after ~~und~~understanding the merits of the case, if you should deem it proper, and consistent with your ideas of propriety, you may give your assistance before the Department to Mess Judson & Co. (of whose firm I have become a member).

Mess Judson & Co have been contractors with Government for supplying the Mint here with acids since 1855 — formerly or at first contracting for two years but latterly renewing the contract for each year.

In July last they submitted a proposal to furnish acids for one year for 12½c per lb for Nitric Acid & for 4c for Sulphuric — (Nitric acid is principally used) these prices being the same Government had been paying since sometime in 1856 — prior to which time the cost was greater — Mess. Judson & Co. (being requested also to propose for 3 years) offered for that term to furnish acids at 11c & 3½ per lb. This reduction in price they offered in view of various considerations mentioned in their proposal, the Copy ~~of which is~~ enclosed and

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also in view of the fact that the *annual* recurrence of these applications by Government for Bids has on each occasion brought about them and the Governments subordinate here, a swarm of scoundrels, ~~every~~ the name of every one of whom you have for nearly all the years of Democratic administration in California heard joined with every species and degree of public extortion and robbery – men without standing or Capital or credit and whose characters are black, – and who have made the occasion of the recurrence of these bids their opportunity for attempts at blackmail & extortion towards the Governments employees and bonafide contractors.

On the last occasion, Wozencraft, whose outrageous swindling of Government while acting as U.S. Indian Agent in 1852-3 was at that time freely ventilated in the newspapers as you will recollect, put in a bid (under the name of one Cole) to supply the Mint at 10^{c} per lb for nitric & $3\frac{1}{2}^{c}$ per lb for sulphuric Acid. This bid, with others being forwarded to the Director at Philadelphia (the usual routine in such matters) was approved by him – confirmed at the office of Secy of Treasury at Washington and the Supt of mint here directed to enter into contract with Cole (the name attached to Bid) on his furnishing Bond approved by U.S. District attorney. Then at this time Wozencraft came to Mess. Judson & Co and made the offers to sell out the contract, to avoid its execution and collude with J & Co. to procure an extrava-

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gant price from Government. He was very much troubled to procure any one to take the bid from Cole and furnish Bonds. To show the depravity of this fellow and his ignorance at the same time, let me interpolate here this fact. Wozencraft it seems had made strenuous efforts to engage Major Saml J. Hensley in the undertaking and at one time was so confident of his success that he informed the Superintendant of the Mint that Major H. wd sign the Bond and one was filled out with H's name for that purpose. Hensley finally declined however and soon after he Wozencraft said to a person of high standing in this city (who related it verbally to me) that he designed to cut out the name of Major Hensley from a paper he held and attach to the prepared Bond and inquired of my informant if that wd be likely to pass.

On the 31st of August Wozencraft had succeeded in enticing Chas Hosmer & R. E. Brewster and Dr. H. M. Gray into his enterprise and on that day they or some of them signed Cole's Bond and immediately took an assignment of the Contract to themselves and Wozencraft.

Please remember that this was Saturday Augt 31st on which day the old contract with Mess Judson & Co. which was all Government had to depend upon for a supply, expired — and these men were making themselves parties to an agreement to commence supplying Government on the Monday following — without stock or fixtures or any

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acid in hand or any ability whatever to comply with the demands of Government. The first week in September was spent by Brewster & Co. in endeavors to extricate themselves from their position and they finally stated to Mess. Judson & Co. that they were unable to do anything towards fulfilling the contract and should abandon the whole matter. They stated that Wozencraft had represented that Government held as as reserve against accident a 6 months supply, that the Superintendant of the Mint had assured him they should have the use of this reserve and that wd enable them to order a supply by sea from New York sufficient to last till they could erect works and get a manufactory agoing that the profits of Mess Judson & Co. were enormous and that when Judson & Co ascertained that the contract was awarded away from them they wd willingly pay $25000.00 for it &c. The facts about the reserve are about these and I will give them in full as Wozencraft has made use of this point to embarrass all subsequent operations. On the 1st of September Government had in Store a reserve of 300 Carboys Nitric acid. The consumption of the Mint for August was about 350 carboys of nitric acid ~ so that had the Superintendant decided to give them the use of the reserve the question of their ability to supply under their contract wd be staved off till perhaps the 25th September at latest. I am now informed by the Superintendant that he distinctly informed Brewster & his associates that he would give them the use of the reserve (or, technically speaking proceed himself to use the reserve while waiting on them and waiving the enforcement of the terms of the contract towards them) providing that they Mess Brewster & Co. wd show him that, by such use of the reserve, they wd be enabled finally to fulfill under the contract. He wd not take the responsibility of breaking in upon the reserve which was intended by Government to be used only to repair any extraordinary accident that might occur, unless such action wd benefit the contractors and thus finally benefit Government in its obtaining its supply of Acids at a reduced price.

But while notifying the contractors to this effect the Superintendant did proceed to use the reserve up to the 13th of September, giving the Contractors all of that time to proceed and reducing the reserve one half or to about 150 Carboys and at this time the Superintendant, being notified by Brewster & Co. that they could not fulfill their contract – then proceeded to make a contract for 3 years, with Judson & Co, according to the terms of their proposal ie at 11c pr lb for Nitric acid & 3½c for sulphuric – This contract was

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forwarded to the Director at Philadelphia and by him approved. At the time the Contract came before the Secretary of Treasury, Wozencraft had forwarded to the Department a letter making charges against the Superintendant of the Mint, of using favoritism towards Judson & Co. of being bribed by them, of being harsh towards Wozencraft and his associates in refusing to grant them the use of the reserve and thus preventing them from fulfilling their contract – all of which charges are most certainly entirely groundless and frivolous. Judson & Co expressly claim that they have received no favor in any manner from the Government but that the Superintendant here has saved pecuniarily to Government by obtaing acids from them since the 14th day of September last at 11c and 3½c per lb when they wd be entitled to a greater sum, that is 12½ & 4 under a just & equitable ruling of the Superintendant, while they have no contract for supply.

I should here state that in the approaches made to Judson & Co in September last by Brewster & associates – that Dr. John R. Corogell appeared on all occasions (as I witnessed) to protect the interests of Wozencraft.

I am obliged to write in haste and may have omitted above many particulars which wd go to make the story a plainer one but I believe that in connection with the Copy of the proposal for a new Contract, ~~the~~ original of which will be forwarded to the Treasury Department at Washington by the Supt of Mint here, that you will understand the most pertinent facts of the case.

I believe it wd be proper for Government to accede to the course now proposed by Judson & Co. for the following reasons, among others.

Government will be obtaining its supply of acids Cheaper than they can be brought from the East and at less price than they have ever had them before and really as cheaply as under the terms proposed ~~under~~ by the Cole contract, when Judson & Co's offer to hold the reserve is taken into account,

A looking to or reliance on the outside speculators here by Government is likely to close our Works, the only acid Factory on this coast, or leave us without stocks ahead, sometime say in the next 16 or 18 months; and in case of War and an interruption to our Commerce, the whole business of refining and Coining Money must in that event cease. With a contract to depend upon We should usually be supplied with stocks sufficient to outlast at least a short war.

Hoping all of the above may induce you to interest yourself in this case and if necessary to obtain also the aid of your colleague Mr Phelps I will close. In conclusion I wish to assure you in the strongest manner that I am morally certain

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that there is or has been nothing in the claim
or proposal or in any action of Mess Judson He
in this whole business that is not entirely
equitable and proper on their part. I remai

Very Truly &c
J. C. Birdsay

I learn this evening before mailing this letter to you
that the Supt here will forward our proposal
first to Philadelphia. It will reach Washington
probably a few days later than this reaches you